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THE JULIE REPORT

Memorial fund will help buy carbon monoxide detectors

The death of 7-year-old Caitlyn Marie Halferty earlier this month of carbon monoxide poisoning has left an unimaginable void in the life of her mother, Cindy Whitton.

But Whitton hopes to turn this tragedy into something positive by creating a memorial fund that will assist families with the purchase of carbon monoxide detectors. "I don't want to see another family go through this," Whitton told me.

"She was my little munchkin," Whitton explained, referring to her daughter's performance as a munchkin in West Noble High School's production of the "Wizard of Oz" last month.

Whitton spoke about her love for her daughter during a telephone conversation from her mother's home in Remington, Ind., where Caitlyn was laid to rest on Dec. 12, next to her grandfather, Doyle Whitton, who died Nov. 17.

THE JULIE REPORT

Julie Buttgen

This column is written by Julie Buttgen, one of the editors of this newspaper

"They were very close," Whitton said of her father and Caitlyn's relationship. "I like to think that her grandfathers are up in heaven with her, taking turns keeping an eye on her." Caitlyn's other grandfathers were Edward Halferty and Walt Rex.

Caitlyn was a second-grader at Ligonier Elementary School. Her teacher, Christy Hofmeister, is also noticing her absence. "Caitlyn always came up and gave me a hug and it was a real hug — she held you hard. She really showed that she cared for me and her classmates."

"She was smart, too," Hofmeister added. "Her writing was great. I would ask the students to write a few sentences about a subject and she would just write and write. Sometimes it would be two or three pages.

"I enjoyed having her here in my class and I really miss her. Every kid in my class has something special to offer but I've noticed that I am really missing that contact with her because she was so caring."

Caitlyn also attended West Noble Day Care Center as a preschooler and went there for before- and after-school programs. "We are glad to have had Caitlyn as a student for the five and a half years she went here," said director Becky Ulbright. "She was a bright spot for us."

Caitlyn was energetic, active and always busy. In her short life, she was active in Perry Township's Busy Bees Mini 4-H Club; Kimmell girls' softball league; West Noble High School girls' basketball clinics; Ligonier Recreation Center sports; youth bowling; Vacation Bible School at Ligonier United Methodist Church; Ligonier Public Library summer reading programs and New DAWN.

Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Caitlyn Halferty Memorial fund for carbon monoxide detectors can do so through:

Ligonier United Methodist Church,
466 Townline Road,
Ligonier, IN 46767

Caitlyn Halferty

One thing Caitlyn also loved was swimming. This past summer, Whitton's Wawaka neighbors, Mary and Don Bish, allowed Caitlyn and her mother to swim in their pool often. "Of all the stuff she did in her short life, I think she loved the swimming most," Whitton added.

Caitlyn's mother believes she is fortunate because of the closeness she and Caitlyn had. "My daughter was not stingy with her love," Whitton said. "I knew she honestly loved me. She had a very kind and loving heart."

Whitton also has a message for parents who sometimes feel pestered by their kids. "I'm telling you," she said, "Spend as much time with them as you can. Appreciate every 'I love you, Mommy' you hear from them because you never know when your life is going to change in a flash. Something you love more than anything can be taken away from you just like that."

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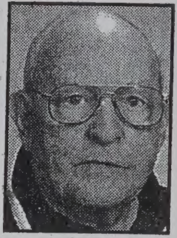
Gene Donaldson, operated barbershop for more than 50 years

LIGONIER — Gene Donaldson, 80, of Ligonier, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Donaldson had been a resident of Ligonier since 1930. He owned and operated Gene's Barber Shop in Ligonier for 54 years and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He had been a member of the West Noble American Legion since 1946 and a member of Ligonier Lions Club and Ligonier Elks Lodge. In earlier years, he coached Little League baseball. He enjoyed bowling and fishing. He attended Topeka Baptist Church.



Mr. Donaldson

He was born Feb. 5, 1923, in Nevada, Iowa, to C.V. "Doc" and Ruth (Melohn) Donaldson.

He married Ilah Ruth Fought on Sept. 24, 1942, in Ligonier. She died in 2000.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kenneth E. and Kathy Donaldson of Fort Wayne, Michael and Linda Donaldson of Ligonier and Thomas Donaldson of Fort Wayne; a sister, Maxine Summers of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Emily Stites, Robert Donaldson, Zane Donaldson and Betsy Donaldson; and four great-grandchildren, Andrea, Lacy, Angela and Noah.

A memorial service was Sunday at 3 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with the Rev. Allen Holmes officiating.

Cremation will take place with burial at a later date.

Memorials are to Topeka Baptist Church.

Carl Schott Jr.

ALBION — Carl A. Schott Jr., 69, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at 7:25 a.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a foreman with BRC Rubber Co., Ligonier, where he had worked more than 40 years before retiring in 1997. His hobbies were NASCAR auto racing, hunting and stamp and coin collecting. He was a 1953 graduate of Albion High School.

Mr. Schott was born Jan. 28, 1934, in Elkhart County. His parents were Carl A. Schott Sr. and Josephine (Hall) Cole. They preceded him in death.

He married Norma Straw on Jan. 17, 1953, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Leitch of Wolf Lake and Teresa and Mark North of Cassopolis, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Denise Schott of Albion; 11 grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and one brother, Donald Schott of Chandler, Ariz.

Services were at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, with the Rev. Steve Halsey officiating. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation.

Mary Yutzy

GOSHEN — Mary Edna Yutzy, 88, of Goshen, died at 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Yutzy was a homemaker and a member of Salem Mennonite Church.

She was born March 23, 1915, to Benjamin and Katie (Thomas) Borntrager in Dodge City, Kan.

She married Herman Yutzy on Nov. 4, 1941. He died on Dec. 21, 1974.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley and Terry Gilbert of Goshen; and five sister and four brothers-in-law, Ida and Ralph Johnson of LaGrange, Elizabeth and John Helmuth of Topeka, Clara Kuhns of Goshen, Edna Mae and Freeman Miller of Topeka and Esther Anna and Don Galloway of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, Mart, Dan and Joseph Borntrager; a sister, Polly Fry; and a stepsister, Malinda Ross.

Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday at Salem Mennonite Church in New Paris with Bishop William Yoder officiating and on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Peterseim Funeral Home in Kalona, Iowa.

Burial was in Memory Gardens in Iowa City, Iowa.

Edna Wood

ALBION — Edna M. Wood, 105, died Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Wood was a homemaker. She was born July 13, 1898, in Noble County to Albert and Mary M. (Huff) Addis.

She married Archie Carl Wood on Sept. 30, 1922. He died February 13, 1962.

Surviving are one son, Robert Wood of Kimmel; three daughters, Ruth Nedwed of Sun Valley, Calif., Mary Wolfe of Waterloo and Bessie Study of Osarch, Mo.; 26 grandchildren and numerous great- and great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death with her husband and parents were three sons, Richard, Melton Leroy and David J. Wood; one stepson, John Wood; two stepdaughters, Goldie Goldwood and Martha Wood; a brother, Lawrence Wood; two sisters, Lucille DeCamp and Mable Guthrie; and seven grandchildren.

Graveside services were at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

Arrangements were handled by Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Louise Galloway

GARRETT — Louise "Weesie" O. Galloway, 71, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at 4:49 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Galloway was a homemaker. She had lived in Tavares, Fla. for the past 15 years before moving back to Garrett in August. Her great-grandchildren, Ashlee and Blake, were "the light of her life."

She was born April 16, 1932, to Everett M. and Myrtle (Owen) Vance.

She married Lester J. Galloway on Jan. 9, 1953, in Warsaw. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Lynn Jacobs of Garrett and Kenneth and Dana Galloway of Quincy, Calif.; her stepmother, Clara Vance of Ligonier; a brother, Leon Vance of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Lee Holm of Naples, Fla.; two grandsons and their wives, Shane and Julie Jacobs and Chad and Courtney Jacobs, all of Garrett; five granddaughters, Courtney Jacobs and Brittney Jacobs, both of Garrett, and Chalise Galloway, Chyanne Galloway and Cheyla Galloway, all of Quincy, Calif.; a great-granddaughter, Ashlee Jacobs of Garrett; and a great-grandson, Blake Jacobs of Garrett.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Gwendolyn Galloway.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmel.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Fire Department.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Helen Kimmell

Mrs. Kimmell

KIMMELL — Helen S. Kimmell, 85, died at 4:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Kimmell was a farmer and had been office manager for All Metal Products and Sprunger Brothers. She was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She was a lifelong Noble County resident.

She was born May 10, 1918, in Ligonier to Ralph and Gladys (Bowser) Spurgeon.

She married Alan Kimmell on Oct. 16, 1941, in Ligonier. He died April 26, 2003.

Surviving are nieces Marcia Lozon of Austin, Texas, and Bonita Brown-Igleski of Middleburg, Fla.; and nephews Marc Brown of Oaklawn, Ill., Kim Brown of Port Charlotte, Fla., and Gary (Bing) Brown of Henderson, Colo.

Preceding her in death along with her parents and husband was a brother, Tom Spurgeon.

Graveside services were at 2:30 p.m. Monday in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating.

Calling was Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Parkview Hospice, Whitley County Division.

James Clouse

ALBION — James Edward Clouse, 78, of Albion, died at 4:40 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Clouse retired in 1991 from the Noble County Highway Department where he had worked as a mechanic. He also farmed.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served from 1943 until 1947. He was a member of Wesleyan Methodist Church and American Legion Post 246. He enjoyed fishing.

Mr. Clouse

Mr. Clouse was born April 5, 1925 in Green Township the son of John B. and Iva M. (Coats) Clouse. On Nov. 29, 1947, in Albion he married Kathleen M. Leitch. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Delbert Smith of Albion; two sons, John Clouse and Mark Clouse, both of Albion; a brother, Bernard Clouse of Albion; two sisters, Edith Romine of Churubusco and Martha Leitch of Kimmell; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

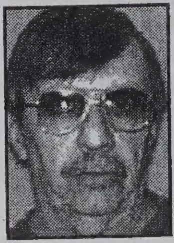
He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Daisy Mae McCoy; five brothers, Russell, Harry, William, Donald and John Jr.; and one sister, Betty Clouse.

Services were at 1 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with military rites by American Legion Post 246.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice.

Wayne Smead

ROME CITY — Wayne K. Smead, 58, of Rome City, died at 4:32 p.m. Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. He had been ill with cancer since September.


Mr. Smead

On July 30, 1945, in Elkhart, he was born to James Edward and Leona (Pepper) Smead. He married Lorra Bartel on March 26, 1988, in Toledo, Ohio. She survives.

Mr. Smead was a lifetime area resident, and a group leader and foreman at VSV Group in Elkhart for the past 16 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: five daughters and three sons-in-law, Catherine Dawn and Gary Hollar, Bristol, Ind., Candy Lynn and Dennis Barbear, Monroe, Mich., Kimberly Shawn and Ronald Frazier, of Howe, Trecy Shawn Smead, Wawaka, and Jewel Christine Smead, Monroe, Mich.; four sons, Wayne Kennedy Smead, II, Derek DeWayne Smead and his companion Jessica Slone, Nicholas Benjamin Smead and Justin Michael Smead, all of Wawaka; a sister, Toka Teague, Elkhart; and 15 grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were: a daughter, Wendy Kay Smead in 1969; two sisters; seven brothers; and his parents.

Services were at 2 p.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville, with a gathering of friends from 1 to 2 p.m. before the services.

Memorials are to the family.

William Mawhorter

ALBION — William "Bill" Byron Mawhorter, 63, of Albion, died at 12:12 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, in Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City.

Mr. Mawhorter

In Noble County he was born on March 16, 1940, the son of Dale C. and Ina C. (Edsall) Mawhorter. He married Rosemary Lynn Beckner on March 31, 1975, in Ligonier. She survives.

He was a retired operating engineer, working from Union Local 103. He was a member of the Wolf Lake Liars Club, and enjoyed taking care of his lawn, playing cards and college basketball.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: his mother, of Albion; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Jim Slone, Ligonier; a daughter and her fiance, Sandra Ellet and Grant Caskey, Wolf Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Tony and Karen Mawhorter, Albion; two brothers, Weldon Mawhorter, Albion, and Burton Mawhorter, Shipshewana; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

His father preceded him in death in 1958, and daughter, Laura King, preceded him in death in 2001.

Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with Pastor Michael Heinbagh officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery, Wolf Lake.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Clayton Varney Sr.

ROME CITY — Clayton M. "Mike" Varney Sr., 53, of Rome City died at 9:40 a.m. Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne following a long illness.

Mr. Varney was a self-employed entrepreneur.

He was born Dec. 21, 1950, in Williamsson, W.Va., to Layton and Loretta (Williams) Varney. On Feb. 1, 1969, in Illinois, he married Julia Ratke. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Angela R. Varney of Syracuse and Melissa L. Varney at home; three sons, Clayton Michael Varney Jr. of Ligonier, Willie G. Varney of Shipshewana and Gabriel John Varney at home; his mother, Loretta Allen of Kentucky; a brother, Layton E. Varney of Illinois; and nine grandchildren, Clayton III, Shawn, Dylan, Jessica, Willie Jr. and Kimberly Varney, Joshua Hicks, Rocky Havertt Jr. and Allen Varney.

Services were Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with Mike

Dana Kyle

AUBURN — Dana D. Kyle, 49, died Dec. 30, 2003.

Mr. Kyle worked as the logistics manager for Group Dekko Inc. in Kendallville. He was a member of the Northern Indiana Businessmen's Association and the Auburn Alliance Church.

Mr. Kyle

He was born Oct. 5, 1954, in Zanesville, Ohio, to Leonard and B. Juanita (Graham) Kyle. They survive in Cambridge, Ohio.

He married Lynn M. Williams on May 24, 1980, in Bourbon, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother-in-law and father-in-law, June and Delbert Williams of Rock Hill, S.C.; one sister and brother-in-law, Melody and Clark Law of Cambridge, Ohio; and five nephews, Kyle Law, Caleb Cline, Matthew Cline, Drew Williams and Braden Williams.

Services will be Sunday at 4 p.m. in Auburn Alliance Church. The Rev. David Schleh will officiate. Burial will be in Guernsey County Memorial Garden at Cambridge, Ohio.

Calling will be Sunday from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628211, Orlando, FL 32862-8211.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Steve Gay

ORLAND — Steve Gay, 52, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Gay was born Oct. 7, 1951, in Albion, to Harry and Thyra Gay.

He was an employee of Machine Rite Products in LaGrange. He was a 1970 graduate or Prairie Heights High School, and was a U.S. Army veteran. He also served in the U.S. National Guard. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423. His hobbies included playing pool.

He lived most of his life in the LaGrange County and Orland areas.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia (Hill) Gay of Littleton, N.C.; a daughter and son-in-law, Stacey and Scott Simms of Littleton; a son, Jared Gay of Littleton; a special friend, Tina Noblit of Orland; and two grandchildren, Ashley and Levi Simms.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ardith Gay, and a brother, Gene Gay.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Rodger Strong officiating. Calling is Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. Veterans Committal Services will be conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Franklin Henry

WATERMAN, Ill. — Retired Sgt. Maj. Franklin Leroy "Lee" Henry, 70, of Waterman died Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at his home.

Mr. Henry was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He served during the Korean War and was stationed twice in Vietnam. He retired from the Army after 27 years of service.

He was born July 12, 1933, in Kendallville, Ind., the son of Carney I. and Alma Faye (Shambaugh) Henry.

He was a member of Kendallville High School class of 1952.

On July 3, 1954, at Fort Knox, Ky., he married Betty Ellen Spaur. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael L. Henry of Sycamore, Ill., and James A. Henry of South Riding, Va.; two daughters, Peggy J. Pinzon of San Diego, Calif., and Karen L. Henry of Waterman; six grandchildren; and a brother, Richard A. Henry of Rome City, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Carol Jean Henry.

Memorial services will be at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at DeKalb Seventh Day Adventist Church in DeKalb, Ill.

Funeral arrangements are by Butula Funeral Home and Crematory of Sycamore, Ill.

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Shirley Hoeppner

WOODBURN — Shirley D. Hoeppner, 63, died Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at her home.

A LaOtto native, she was known for her Art by Shirley Hoeppner. She was a volunteer at the Woodburn Lutheran School and was a member of the Christ Lutheran Church and the Ladies Aid.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth R. Hoeppner Sr.; three sons, Kenneth R. Hoeppner Jr. of Woodburn, Kevin D. Hoeppner of Auburn, and Kerry S. Hoeppner of Woodburn; a sister, Brenda Baker of Payson, Ariz.; a brother, Rex Farver of Woodburn; 17 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Christ Lutheran Church, 4402 Park St., Woodburn, with burial in the church cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Highway 930E, New Haven, and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Christ Lutheran Church or the Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

Bryan Young

AUBURN — Bryan Kolt Young, 20, of Auburn, died Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Rushville, he worked for Courier Kendallville for two years. He recently was sworn into the Air National Guard.

Surviving are his parents, Brian E. and Beverly H. Young of Hamilton; a son, Zachary Bryan of Auburn; his fiancee, Laura D. Barrand of Auburn; two brothers, Jeremey S. and Nathaniel E., both of Hamilton; his grandparents, Tom and Shirley Walters of Fort Wayne and M.C. and Ina Dye of Rushville; and his future fathers-in-law and mother-in-law, Ruben and Debbie Schwartz of Auburn and Ed Davis of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 9 a.m. in E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 Indiana Highway 930 E., New Haven.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30-9 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery at New Haven.

Memorials are to the family.

Hazel Winkler

FORT WAYNE — Hazel V. Winkler, 84, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Regency Place.

Mrs. Winkler was born April 19, 1919, in Mason County, Mich., and retired in 1984 from GTE in Fort Wayne as a senior administrative clerk.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Walling of Danville, Ill.; a son, David Winkler of McFarland, Wis.; two brothers, Charles Allen of Wawaka and Wayne (Allen) Surfus of Union City, Ga.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold, in 1969.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Burial will be in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Joseph Salavarria

MIDDLEBURY — Joseph S. Salavarria, 77, died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Rosewood Terrace Nursing Home.

He was a 40-year employee of Owens-Illinois Inc. of Toledo, Ohio, overseeing Libbey Glass sales throughout Latin America, Spain, Africa and the Middle East. He retired early to accompany his wife on various management assignments throughout the country.

Mr. Salavarria

A World War II veteran, he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps of the Air Force from 1945-1948, and accepted voluntary recall for the Korean conflict from 1948-1952.

He was born Jose Salvador Salavarria-Inigues on May 29, 1926, in New York City to Julian Salvador Salavarria-Suarez of the Canary Islands, Spain, and Maria Justinba Iniguez-Ramos de Salavarria of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Gloria E. Salavarria; three daughters, Stephanie Bluni and Gretchen Croniser, both of Toledo, Ohio, and Patricia Roy of Quaker Hill, Conn.; two sons, Michael Salavarria of Houston, Texas, and William Salavarria of Washburn, Maine; and seven grandchildren.

His first wife and the mother of his six children, Phyllis Lawder, his daughter, Rebecca Barrett, his brothers, Charles (Carlos Julian) and Frank (Francisco Mariano), and his sister, Nena (Maria Justina) preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be Wednesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 210 S. Main St., Middlebury, with calling one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Boys and Girls Club of Middlebury or an organization of the donor's choice.

Maurice Minier

ELKHART — Maurice F. "Maury" Minier, 82, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 2003, at Elkhart General Hospital.

He was retired from Bayer after 16 years and served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

He was born March 14, 1921, in Noble County to Albert and Mabel (Waldron) Minier.

On March 28, 1980, in Elkhart, he married Sharon Ashe, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Jo Minier of Elkhart; two stepsons, David Ashe and his wife, Tina, and Dean Ashe, all of Elkhart; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Lori and Paul Tustin of Elkhart, Julie and Ron Samms of Bristol and Jeanne Flynn of Denver; two grandsons; 12 stepgrandchildren; one great-grandchild; 11 stepgreat-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Elsie Minier of Goshen.

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home in Elkhart, with the Rev. Larry Kurtz of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Wednesday.

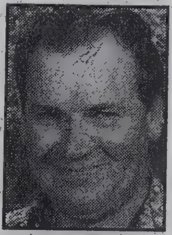
Burial with military rites by Elkhart DAV No. 19 will be in Prairie Street Cemetery. Memorials are to the Elkhart County Humane Society.

Loye Green

COLUMBIA CITY — Loye Green, 64, of Thorncreek Township in Whitley County, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at his home.

He began his professional life with Mays Stone Co. and retired from France Stone Co. with over 34 years of service.

He was born March 15, 1939, in Knott County, Ky., to George and Stella (Terry) Green. He moved to Columbia City in the early 1960s. On April 10, 1965, he married Marge Mullins, and she survives.


Mr. Green

Also surviving are a daughter, Angela Green; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Greg and Monica Green, and Ryan Green, all of Columbia City; four grandchildren, Cody Sunday, Hailie Green, Kohltin Green and Bailey Green; his mother, Stella Green of Kendallville; a brother, Ellis Green of Kendallville; and five sisters, Lora Handshoe of Hueysville, Ky., Clidia Conley, Lucy Cox and Hermie Grigsby, all of Kendallville, and Joy Hill of Wolcottville.

A sister, Cloye Mollette, and two brothers, Roy and Frank, preceded him in death.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City, with the Rev. Willie Collins of Mount Calvary United Baptist Church in Stroh officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Stough Cemetery.

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Charles Austin

FORT WAYNE — Charles W. Austin, 81, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at home.

He retired from American Tool and Engineering and served on a submarine in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a devoted husband and father.

He was born in South Milford.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Kathy Austin of Apopka, Fla., and Steve and Carolyn Austin of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Linda and Don Rehling and Betty J. Forehand and Colleen Suber of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn Hart of Bronson, Mich.

A brother, two sisters and a son-in-law preceded him in death.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Brushy Prairie Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange. Memorials are to Parkview Home Healthcare & Hospice.

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Mr. Cowell remembered as 'a softie'

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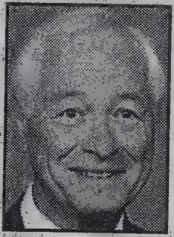
LAKE GAGE — With Harvey Cowell, what you saw wasn't always what you got.

"He was an engineer on the outside, but he was a softie on the inside," said Mr. Cowell's son, Scott.



Mr. Cowell

Harvey Joseph Cowell, 83, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cowell was born Feb. 21, 1920, in Grand Rapids, Mich., to Edward C. and Nettie (Neuman) Cowell. On Aug. 12, 1943, he married LaNita Irene Gambill. She survives.

"Mom and Dad were a good couple," Scott said. "They just celebrated their 60th anniversary this past August. Of course, it wasn't all sweetness and light, but it takes a great commitment to stay together all those years, and they did it."

Mr. Cowell was a retired engineer, and served in the China-Burma-India Theater during World War II as a captain in the Signal Corps and in the Illinois Air National Guard as a reservist.

After the wars, Mr. Cowell's engineering career led him to develop control systems for America's early Skate Class nuclear submarines, as well as the world's first nuclear-powered civilian surface ship, the N.S. Savannah, which now resides at Savannah, Ga.

After completion of those Naval contracts, he moved to Angola in 1965, where he worked as quality control manager for Modernaire Corp., eventually becoming plant manager for the Waterloo facility, from which he retired in 1984.

Scott said his father was a great lover of animals and nature.

"He took care of the birds and the stray cats around the Lake Gage house," he said. "He never put up a seawall, because he thought it would make it hard for the wood ducks to get in and out of the water."

Mr. Cowell was passionate about flying, earning private, commercial, instrument and aerobatic ratings as well as an A & P mechanics certificate. He was also an active amateur radio operator and served as a scout master for the Boy Scouts of America.

"He really enjoyed talking to the scouts," Scott said. "My brother and I both became Eagle Scouts ... with a lot of assistance and direction from Dad."

Scott said you had to really be paying attention to get his father's wit.

"He had a wry sense of humor," he said. "You had to check twice after he said something to see if he was grinning."

Scott is glad his father was able to live independently all his life.

"Dad was still mowing the grass and Mom was still planting flowers," he said.

Mr. Cowell suffered from heart disease for many years, but because of successful bypass surgery, had many more years with his family. He had a heart attack last week, from which he never completely recovered.

"We all went to the hospital the day after Christmas to celebrate, and my wife got Dad this light blue driving cap," Scott said. "He was sitting in bed, all hooked with wires and things, wearing this cap and directing the Christmas festivities, just like he always had."

Scott said he's glad to have that memory.

"It's something I'll always remember," he said.

The Cowells also have another son, Thomas.

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Barber will leave a void in Ligonier

BOB BUTTGEN

Gene Donaldson of Ligonier was a living symbol of an almost-gone era of the American business scene.

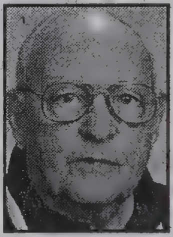
Donaldson, who died on Christmas Day in a Fort Wayne hospital at the age of 80, operated a barbershop in Ligonier for nearly 55 years. He was cutting hair until just a couple of days before he passed away and had been in fairly good health, so his death came as a shock to everyone.

His barbershop on Cavin Street on the south edge of downtown Ligonier was a haven for men of all ages who wanted to enjoy a haircut in the same way their dads or grandfathers might have.

There were no fancy hairstylists or manicurists or tanning beds. Just a very comfortable chair, a few more seats for those waiting, stacks of magazines and all of the little things a barber needed to do his job.

Gene didn't need much in the way of direction when it came to giving a haircut. For the most part, he automatically knew what his customers wanted and he gave it to them.

Gene's death will leave a void in Ligonier, and chances are there won't be anyone to pick up where he left off. His shop was a place where a fellow could come and shoot the breeze even if he wasn't in need of a haircut. And if he did need a haircut, customers were more than welcome to come early or linger after the job was done.



Mr. Donaldson

Gene was a good source of information for what was happening in the town, and this newspaper reporter visited the shop more than once when he was trying to get a handle on a situation.

On the other hand, Gene was the kind of guy you could trust. Idle gossip wasn't the rule of thumb here — just the facts and a few tall tales.

At the memorial service they held for Gene on Sunday, Dec. 28, his minister pointed out that, in Gene's world, a barbershop was a place where men hung out and talked about things going on around town, but a beauty salon was where people went to gossip.

Along with his job, Gene was a fanatic about fishing and he loved his family. He did a fine job as a barber but never seemed to take himself too seriously. He told me a story about a guy he met one time who was also in the hair-cutting business. The man was bragging about his shop and told Gene that he "cuts more hair than you could ever dream about," and Gene shot right back: "Buddy, I don't dream about this stuff."

He always had his appointment notebook nearby, whether he was at the shop or at home, and if someone needed a haircut, Gene didn't mind if you bothered him at home because more than likely he had his appointment pad with him.

His wife, Ilah, passed away a few years ago and like most men at this age who lose their spouse, you could see the void it left in his heart. He stepped a little less lively in the past couple of years but still found the time and made the effort to keep his shop open three or four days a week.

Gene and Ilah had three boys Tom, Ken and Mike, and he was proud of all of them, and the grandchildren they gave him.

Gene's idea of fun usually meant he had a fishing pole in his hands or was playing cards, or maybe just going out for dinner with various members of his family.

"He loved fishing," Mike Donaldson said of his father. "And I think Mom was worse about it than he was. She really loved to go fishing. They liked to travel and play cards, too. But for Dad, his work was his life."

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Ezra Borkholder

SHIPSHEWANA — Ezra A. Borkholder, 53, of Shipshewana, died of an unexpected illness at 7:06 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he had stayed one week.

He was born Feb. 2, 1950, in Bremen to Andrew S. and Mary (Hershberger) Borkholder. he married Elsie E. Mast in Topeka on Nov. 6, 1969. She survives.

He was a farmer and worked in the mill room at Jayco in Middlebury. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are five daughters and a son-in-law, Edna and Mervin Miller of Middlebury, and Pollyanna, Sarah and Elizabeth Borkholder, all at home; eight sons and four daughters-in-law, Andrew and Inez Borkholder, David and Kathryn L. Borkholder, Reuben and Ruby Mae Borkholder and Samuel and Susan Kay Borkholder, all of Shipshewana, and Kenneth, Elson, Stephen and Edward Borkholder, all at home; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Polly and Harvey Bontrager of Bethany, Mo., and Anna and Mose Wengard of LaGrange; five stepsisters and four stepbrothers-in-law, Esther and Joe Eicher, Miriam and Alvin Yoder and Martha and Ernest Slabach, all of Shipshewana, and Anna Schwartz and Susie and Jerry Miller, all of Middlebury; two stepbrothers and two stepsisters, John and Susie Gingerich of Middlebury, and Samuel and Ruth Gingerich of Fairview, Mich.; a stepfather, Eli E. Gingerich of Middlebury; and 15 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a stepsister, Ida Petersheim, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Perry Whetsone residence, 10325 W. C.R. 250N, Shipshewana, with Bishop Sam Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will begin after noon today and continue all day Monday at the Ben Allen Gingerich residence, 3010 N. C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Vernon Bryant

RANTOUL, ILL. — Vernon E. Bryant, 73, of Rantoul, Ill., died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Carle Hospital, Champaign, Ill.

He was born in Albion on Sept. 27, 1930, to Sidney and Mary (Mohler) Bryant. On Jan. 19, 1957, in Kendallville, he married Mary E. Lash. She survives.

He served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, and farmed in the Dewey and Fisher areas for 30 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Anthony "Tony" Bryant of Rantoul, Ill.; two daughters, Tina Kinder and Teresa Russell, both of Rantoul; three sisters, Blanche Lemper, Vera Schmuck and Barbara Uhl, all of Indiana; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

A graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Monday with the Rev. Steve Bonk officiating. Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. tonight at Lux Memorial Chapel, Champaign, Ill.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Wanda Copsey

ANTWERP, Ohio — Wanda Lee Copsey, 70, on Antwerp, Ohio, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, in Antwerp.

She was born Sept. 11, 1933, in Estep County, Ky., to Raymond and Juanita (Arey) Presley. Her mother survives in Hamilton.

She was employed at Dana Weatherhead in Antwerp, and worked as a waitress at Baby Boomers in Hamilton.

She was a social member of Antwerp V.F.W. 5087 Auxiliary.

Surviving, in addition to her mother, are three sons, Dan Bradley of Fishers, Ind., Randy Grogg of Auburn and Joe Copsey of Antwerp; two daughters, Deb Woodard and Lorie Lucas, both of Antwerp; four brothers, Jake, Charles and Gary Presley, all of Hamilton, and Glen Presley of Angola; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Emma Jean Moestas of Albuquerque, N.M., and Nita and Don Sorenger of Amherst, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her father, and a sister, Olive Kay Presley, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Dooley Funeral Home, Antwerp, with the Rev. Jim Edwards officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Monday and one hour prior to services at the funeral home on Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Antwerp V.F.W. Auxiliary or Paulding Hospice.

Harlan G. Stull

LAGRANGE — Harlan G. Stull, 78, of LaGrange, died at 3:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in LaPaz on Jan. 6, 1925, to Glenn and Opal (Whiteman) Stull. He married Elizabeth Ries on Oct. 6, 1977, in Coldwater, Mich.

He worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the federal crop insurance department, and belonged to the Masonic Lodge 353 of Lakeville, and has lived in LaGrange since 1990.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Devon and Susie Stull of Plymouth; a daughter and son-in-law, Dawn and Carl Migure of Argos; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Scott and Mary Reis of Chandler, Ariz., and Fred W. Reis of Phoenix, Ariz.; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Patty Reis of Angola, Carol and David Brown of Quincy, Mich., and Suzanne and David Gregory of Scottsdale, Ariz.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis and Junior Guthrie of Plymouth, and Willodean Gilpker of St. Joseph, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Betty Stull of Walkerton; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and 10 stepgreat-grandchildren.

His parents and a daughter, Joyce, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Van Gilder Funeral Home, Plymouth, with the Revs. Kenneth Ludwig and John Glantt officiating. Burial will be at the Barber Cemetery.

A Masonic Lodge service will be at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Masonic Lodge 353, P.O. Box 247, Lakeville IN 46536.

Friends may sign the guestbook at: www.vangilderfuneralhome.com

JoAnne Stevens

ANGOLA — JoAnne Marie Stevens, 65, of Angola, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On March 18, 1938, in Duluth, Minn., she was born to Adolph Richard and Bernice (Cullen) Woollweever.

She had lived in Angola and Steuben County for three years, having moved from South Carolina.

She was a waitress.

Surviving are: a son, Michael Anderson, Duluth, Minn.; three daughters, Sheri Ayers, Pueblo, Colo., Wendy Boardwell, Duluth, Minn., and Rebecca Perenick, Dover, N.H.; two brothers, Robert Woollweever, Angola, and Ray Woollweever, North Dakota; a sister, Janet McGrane, Duluth, Minn.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, two brothers, Richard and Gerald G. Woollweever preceded her in death.

No services or calling will be held.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Parkison

WOLF LAKE — Mary E. Parkison, 82, of Wolf Lake, died at 9:43 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where she was admitted earlier in the day.

She was orn on May 10, 1921, in Wolf Lake, to Robert E. and Ruth G. (Gandy) Wysong. On Aug. 24, 1946, she married George A. Parkison. He survives.

She was a lifetime Wolf Lake area resident.

Mrs. Parkison had been employed by General Electric, WPTA-TV, several grocery stores. She retired from Lyle Electric in 1987.

She was a member of the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, Noble County Home Extension Club and V.F.W. Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary in Wolf Lake.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are two daughters and a son-in-law, Suzanne Hopper of Fort Wayne, and Joni and Kent Saggars of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Stephen and Tamara Parkison of Crown Point, and James and Nanette Parkinson of Ligonier; a brother, Paul E. Wysong of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, a brother, Allen "Bud" Wysong, a sister, Anne Parsons, and two grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. A twilight service conducted by the V.F.W. Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary will be at 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Ormas.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the V.F.W. Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary.

Connie Steininger

NASHVILLE, Ind. — Connie M. Steininger, 63, of Nashville, died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, in Brown County, Ind.

She was born in Auburn on March 27, 1940, to Dwight F. and May (Meinert) Steininger.

She was a co-owner of HIS Book Shop in Nashville for 25 years, and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Brown County.

Surviving are a sister, Donna Sisson of Nashville; a brother, Bill Steininger of Colorado Springs, Colo.; three nieces, Janet Slevins, Barb Carter and Karen Feldheim; four nephews, Gary, Roger and Don Sisson, and Brad Steininger; and several grand-nieces and nephews.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Parkview Church of the Nazarene, Nashville, with the Rev. Allen Straub officiating, assisted by the Revs. Gary Williamson and Gary Sisson. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Nashville.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Bond-Mitchell Funeral Home, Nashville.

Memorials are to Fellowship Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Bond-Mitchell Funeral Home, 1682 S.R. 135N, Nashville, IN 47448.

Schuyler Dilts

PLEASANT LAKE — Schuyler L. Dilts, 74, of Pleasant Lake, died Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 3, 1929, in LaGrange County to Clarence and Thelma (Coney) Dilts. He married Eleanor Larson on Dec. 18, 1948. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

He was a retired farmer, and attended Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are three sons and daughters-in-law, David and Carolyn Dilts and Harold and Marie Dilts, all of Pleasant Lake, and Bruce and Jane Dilts of Hudson; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Mary Jane Dilts of Howe; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and Ben Randall of LaGrange; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Robert Dilts, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor John Boyanowski officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

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Loretta Weber

AVILLA — Loretta E. Weber, 79, of Avilla died at 7 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Weber was a lifetime Avilla resident and a homemaker.

Mrs. Weber

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and very active in church activities. She was a member of the Ladies Aid, Lutheran Women's League, and Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary. Mrs. Weber enjoyed gardening, bird-watching and traveling. She had visited 50 states.

Mrs. Weber was born Sept. 17, 1924, to Fred C. and Iva E. (Stark) Housholder. On Nov. 29, 1947, in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, she married Lowell D. Weber. He died May 21, 2001.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Kenneth and Kathy Weber of Spring Valley, Ill.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Ruth Ann and Julian Kmiec of Elkhart, Cheryl and Donald Oss of Everett, Wash., and Jill and Phillip Sensibaugh of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Karl and Josephine Housholder of Pretty Lake; a sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Maynard Peterson of Albion; one grandchild, Tara Sensibaugh; four stepgrandchildren, Joelle Taft, Brett Kmiec, Kimberly Oss and Andrew Oss; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Brynne Taft and Lane Taft.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Helen Housholder and Wilma Weber; and two brothers, Howard Householder and Donald Housholder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary or to the donor's choice.

Cleo Hostetler

HOWE — Cleo M. Hostetler, 87, of Howe died at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 25, 2003, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Hostetler was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and the former owner of the Blue Plaza Roller Skating Rink and the Silver Moon Roller Skating Rink. She was also a beautician.

She was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe and the first female pilot in LaGrange County. She was registered as a pioneer aviatrix.

She was born March 5, 1916, in Shipshewana to Perry and Hildred M. (Aishe) Swartzentruber. On Oct. 26, 1940, in Jonesboro, Ark., she married John Beatty Hostetler. He died Nov. 5, 2002.

Also preceding her in death was a sister, Lenore Magnus.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Shore Cemetery with the Rev. Terry Timson officiating. There is no visitation.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Draime

LAGRANGE — Mildred Marie Draime, 86, of LaGrange died at 8:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Draime was born Jan. 16, 1916, in St. Joseph County, Mich., to Melvin and Flora (Lance) DeHoff. On July 22, 1933, in LaGrange, she married Aemuel Draime. He died in 1953.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Neal and Charlotte Draime of San Diego, Calif., and Dale and Serita Draime of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Wava and Carl McClure of Puryaer, Tenn.; five sisters, Beulah Brandt of Kent, Mich., Mary Barnhart and Flossie Soper, both of Colon, Mich., Erma Hoard of Bronson, Mich., and Majorie Kinyon of Coldwater, Mich.; 10 grandchildren, including Lynn Middaugh who took care of Mrs. Draime; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Shirley Bergert, in 1992.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Brighton Chapel Church.

Mary Parkison

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Mrs. Parkison retired from Lyall Electric in 1987 and had worked at General Electric, WPTA TV Channel 21 and at several grocery stores.

She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, the Noble County Home Extension Club and VFW Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary in Wolf Lake.

Mrs. Parkison was born May 10, 1921, in Wolf Lake to Robert E. and Ruth G. (Gandy) Wysong. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On Aug. 24, 1946, she married George A. Parkison. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Stephen and Tamara Parkison of Crown Point and James and Nanette Parkison of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Suzanne Hopper of Fort Wayne and Joni and Kent Saggers of Ligonier; a brother, Paul E. Wysong of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren; a brother, Allen "Bud" Wysong; and a sister, Anne Parsons.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. VFW Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary will conduct a twilight service at 6 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to VFW Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary.

Duane Bowman

ASHLEY — Duane "Junior" Bowman, 72, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at 4:20 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bowman was a factory worker for International Harvester, retiring in 1983 after 30 years of service.

He was born Oct. 19, 1931, in DeKalb County to Duane E. Bowman Sr. and Florede (Pence) Bowman. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn.

His wife, Hazel (Nelson) Bowman, died May 16, 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Duane Bowman III and Mary Bowman of Mongo; a daughter and son-in-law, Star and Jeff Noble of rural Hudson; three brothers, Donald Bowman, Jerry Bowman and Ronald Clark, all of Auburn; two sisters, Shirley Baird of Auburn and Barb Buttermore of Waterloo; five grandchildren, Shanan Staton (and his wife, Jamie), Brandon Bowman and Justin, Jacob and Jordan Stackhouse; and one great-grandchild, Caterina Staton.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. James Bartlett will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery.

Calling is today from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mongo United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Helen Buchtel

ARAB, Ala. — Helen Louise Buchtel, 75, of Arab died Thursday, Jan. 1, 2004, in Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville.

Mrs. Buchtel was born Dec. 24, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Ray O. and Irene (Branning) Parker.

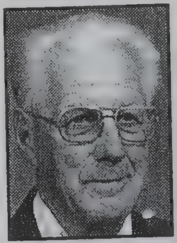
Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Buchtel of Arab; a sister, Marie Parker of Arab; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, Ind.

Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Hoffman

COLUMBIA CITY — Raymond G. Hoffman, 89, of Columbia City died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Hoffman

Mr. Hoffman was a farmer and had lived near Collins since 1960, moving there from Noble County. He was a member of the Whitley County Farm Bureau.

He was born Aug. 19, 1914, in Noble County to Carl Curtis and Bessie (Fisher) Hoffman. On Aug. 24, 1935, in Noble County, he married Verda A. Fry. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Carol Hoffman, Kenneth R. and Ruth Hoffman and Robert G. and Marsha Hoffman, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Patty and David Starkey of Columbia City; four sisters, Mabel Coulter and Donna Bohde, both of Fort Wayne, Eva Donley of Avilla, and Garnet Stephens of Huntertown; 16 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Allen Hoffman, in 1944; two sisters, Gladys Gunder and Ruby Ward; a brother, Earlin Hoffman; a granddaughter, Debra Hoffman; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Paul D. White of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco Church of the Nazarene or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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Patricia Hughes

AUBURN — Patricia Sue "Pat" Hughes, 66, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at her home.

Born in Warsaw, she worked for Cooper in Auburn for 12 years, retiring in 1995. After retiring, she traveled with her husband, visiting many countries including France and Germany.

Mrs. Hughes

She was a graduate of Pierceton High School and attended Texas Bible College. She was a member of the United Pentecostal Church, where she and her husband were very active. It was her life's passion to help those in need.

Surviving are her husband, the Rev. Edward R. Hughes of Auburn; three sons, David R. Hughes of Bryan, Ohio, and Floyd A. Hughes and John P. Hughes, both of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Martha Thomas of Milford, Diana Albert of Pierceton and Janet Witman of Fishers; and a brother, Charles Leckrone of Howe.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Keith Leckrone Jr.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the former Nazarene Church of Auburn at 316 W. Fourth St. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Thursday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the missions of the United Pentecostal Church of Auburn.

Jesse Klinger

ST. JOE — Jesse H. Klinger, 83, died Monday morning, Jan. 5, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Klinger was a truck driver for Courier-Newsome for several year and a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of Jesus' Name Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born Oct. 25, 1920, in Noble County to the late William H. and Blanche (Christlieb) Klinger.

He married Edyth Marie Wahls on June 11, 1950, in Fort Wayne. She died March 3, 1998.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel Klinger and Howard Klinger; three brothers, Delphus Klinger, Norman Klinger and Theo Claus; two sisters, Joanne Slater and Barbara Stoner; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All surviving relatives live in Indiana.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Walter Klinger.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger and Walter Funeral Home of Spencerville. pastor John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Alton Cemetery at St. Joe.

Calling is Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m.

Monte Anderson

SOUTH HAVEN, Mich. — Monte Anderson, 65, of South Haven died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Anderson worked in the Watervliet Public Schools from 1964 to 1984. At Watervliet he served as a teacher, elementary principal, high school principal and interim superintendent. From 1984 until his retirement in 1993, he was the superintendent of the Michigan Center Public Schools.

He was a graduate of Avilla, Ind., High School and received a bachelor's degree from Purdue University. He received master's degrees from Ohio State University and Western Michigan University.

Mr. Anderson was a U.S. Army veteran, a Boy Scout leader and a Mason. He was a member of the Watervliet Lions Club and a former member of the Michigan Center Rotary Club.

He was born Dec. 8, 1938, in DeKalb County, Ind., to Wier and Chloe (Yontz) Anderson. On June 27, 1957, in Avilla, he married Sally Yarde. She died March 17, 2000. On June 27, 2001, in South Haven, he married Vada Strother. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Linda Anderson of Fennville; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Norma Anderson of Lawton, Kenneth and Nancy Anderson of Scotts, Steven and Betty Anderson of Lawrence and Dennis and Georgea Anderson of Schoolcraft; several nieces and nephews; and his caregiver Josh Leverton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Burial will be in Leoni Township Cemetery in Michigan Center.

Calling will be from 6-9 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Watervliet Public School Scholarship Fund.

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Patricia Farrington

GRANITE CITY, Ill. — Patricia Ann Farrington, 74, died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at 9:35 a.m. at Eden Village Care Center due to complications of diabetes.

Mrs. Farrington was a past Girl Scout leader, a past member of the Country Charm Home Demonstration Club and a past 10-year member of the Sweet Adelines of Collinsville, Ill. She and her husband attended Maple Grove Church before moving to Illinois.

She was born Dec. 26, 1929, in Waterloo to Frankie J. Wise and Martin "Joe" Miser, both now deceased.

She married Thomas Edison Farrington on Jan. 21, 1949. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Harry Rottger of rural Auburn, Cathy and Jim Bryant of Gettysburg, Pa., and Cheryl and Bob Wright of Granite City, Ill.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Wayne and Kim Farrington of Bloomington, Ill., Ron Farrington and his fiancee, Jackie Sipes, and Don and Jamie Farrington of Granite City, Ill.; 15 grandchildren, Mark Rottger, Heather Depew, Tonya Gamble, Amy Roseman, Holli Wright, Jodi Plank, Robert Plank, Perry Plank, Melissa Brownley, Kristen Powers, Lisa Farrington, Danny Farrington, Ron Farrington, Aaron Farrington and Amanda Farrington; 12 great-grandchildren, Zachary Depew, Micolea Depew, Dustin Gamble, Denton Gamble, Kelli Rottger, Darbie Bair, Alexandra Pettie, Jacob Pettie, Terra Pettie, Olivia Plank, Jeremy Plank and John Stull; two sisters, Jane Wilhelm of LaGrange and Lorna Mavis of Auburn; one sister-in-law, Ruth Farrington of Auburn; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Wade Rottger, and a son-in-law, Arthur Plank.

Wendy Dorsett

KIMMELL — Wendy K. Dorsett, 29, of Kimmell died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at her home.

She was born in Fort Wayne and graduated in 1995 from New Haven High School.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Judy and Ron Wigge of Kimmell; a sister, Robin Cook of Canada; two stepbrothers, Scott Wigge and Bryan Wigge, both of Fort Wayne; and two stepsisters, Amy Bell and Kim Wigge, both of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North East Indiana Kidney Foundation.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Graveside services for **Lewis E. Groh** were held Saturday at 3:15 p.m. at Lake View Cemetery. The Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiated.

Pallbearers were Robert Groh, Robert Glass, Mark Howard, Mark Minneman, Karl LeMar and Dale LeMar.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

A private graveside service will be conducted Sunday in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Thomas Hastreiter

ANGOLA — Thomas E. Hastreiter, 44, died Saturday, Jan. 3, 2004, at home.

Mr. Hastreiter was born June 24, 1959, in Angola, to John F. and Carolyn (Stenner) Hastreiter.

He was formerly employed by Angola Metal Spinners and the Angola Moose Lodge.

Surviving are his mother, Carolyn Hastreiter of Angola; four brothers, Charles Hastreiter of Missouri City, Texas, David Hastreiter of Stuart, Fla., Michael Hastreiter of Angola and Steve Hastreiter of Van Buren; a half-brother, John Hastreiter of Fort Wayne; paternal grandmother, Loretta Hastreiter of Rome City; and two stepsisters, Belinda Pritchard of Fort Wayne and Brenda Belford of Huntington.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Fred Pasche of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to the Mental Health Association.

Jack Jennings

AVILLA — Jack E. Jennings, 67, of Avilla died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Jennings

Mr. Jennings was a truck driver for Myers Orchard Hills Farm and most recently drove a truck for Cline Trucking in Garrett.

He was a member of VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 86 and Moose Lodge 1301, all in Kendallville.

Mr. Jennings was born May 7, 1936, in Kendallville to Theodore and Sarah (Hanlon) Jennings. On Jan. 12, 1974, in Kendallville, he married JoAnn Rumsey. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cyril and Amy Coburn of Centreville, Va., and Darrell Hewitt of Avilla; three daughters and a son-in-law, Cheryl Baysinger of Auburn, Heather and Bob Gamble of Kendallville, and Jacqueline Murad of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Rita Jennings of Kendallville; a sister, Donna Caudill of Rice Town, Ky.; and eight granddaughters, Ashley and Beverly Coburn, both of Centerville, and Sadey, Laken and Torre Gamble, Makayla Crist, and Chelsey and Rachel Murad, all of Kendallville.

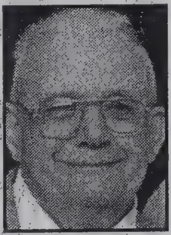
Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Woodruff.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harold Young

ALBION — Harold James "Jim" Young, 84, of Crawfordsville and formerly of Albion, died at 8:04 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2, 2004, at St. Clare Hospital in Crawfordsville.



Mr. Young

Mr. Young had worked with his father at Burr Oak Country Store and was an electrician and plumber in the Albion area. He and his wife owned Jim's Hardware on the courthouse square in Albion for 25 years. They retired from the hardware business in 1986.

He attended Burr Oak Baptist Church and was a charter member of Berean Baptist Church in Albion where he served as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent and treasurer.

Mr. Young was born April 18, 1919, at Burr Oak to Arlo and Ethel Gale Young. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1939. On June 30, 1943, at Wolf Lake Baptist Church, he married Evelyn McGuire. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Charlotte Boyd of Jackson, Mich., Louise and Jerry Davis of Frankfort and Karen and Stephen Selby of New Market; a brother, Dick Young of Sarasota, Fla.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Carl "Red" Young.

Private memorial services were held at Berean Baptist Church due to the health limitations of his wife. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Memorials are to the missions program of Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

Correspondence with his family is through Karen Selby, 6357S C.R. 100W, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Orr Funeral Home in Avilla was in charge of arrangements.

Omar Shinn

ROME CITY — Omar L. Shinn, 91, of Rome City died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Colby J. Gandy–85

ELKHART – Colby J. Gandy died at home Tuesday, December 30, 2003. Born Sept. 29, 1918, in Noble County, Indiana, he was the son of Ora D. and Victoria (Anspbaugh) Gandy. Mr. Gandy was a 1936 graduate of Wolf Lake High School, Wolf Lake, IN. On September 19, 1939, he married Alberta B. Hartsock in Huntington, Indiana.

He worked as a supervisor for the Pennsylvania Railroad and retired from Conrail in 1978 after 37 1/2 years service. Mr. Gandy was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church and longtime member of PRR, Veterans Association in Ft. Wayne. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed all sports, especially the Chicago Cubs. He loved to travel and visited all 50 states.

He served in the US Army in WWII with Railroad Battalion in Europe and received the Bronze Star.

Surviving are his wife, Alberta of Elkhart; two daughters Kay Milan of Grand Rapids, MI. and Karen (Randy) Thomson of Elkhart; a grandson, Brian Krask of Grand Rapid, Mi.; 2 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Loena Surfus of LaGrange, IN and Martha Lindsey of Dunedin, Fl.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Orpha Harris and Mary Winebrenner.

Services were Saturday at Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart. Rev. Dr. Mark Fenstermacher of Trinity United Methodist Church officiated. Burial at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, In.

Memorials to Trinity United Methodist Church or Elkhart General Community Hospice.

Hazel V. Winkler – 84

FORT WAYNE – Hazel V. Winkler of Fort Wayne died Monday, December 29, 2003 at Regency Place.

Mrs. Winkler was born April 19, 1919, in Mason County, Michigan, retiring in 1984 from GTE in Fort Wayne as a senior administrative clerk.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Walling of Danville, IL.; a son David Winkler of McFarland, Wis.; two brothers, Charles Allen of Wawaka and Wayne (Allen) Surfus of Union City, GA.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was proceded in death by her husband, Arnold in 1969.

Services were held Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Burial was at Concordia Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Loretta E. Weber–79

AVILLA – Loretta E. Weber died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home.

Mrs. Weber was a lifetime Avilla resident and homemaker.

She was a memeber of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and very active in church activties. She was a member of the Ladies Aid, Lutheran Women's League, and Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary. Mrs. Weber enjoyed gardening, birdwatching and traveling. She visited all 50 states.

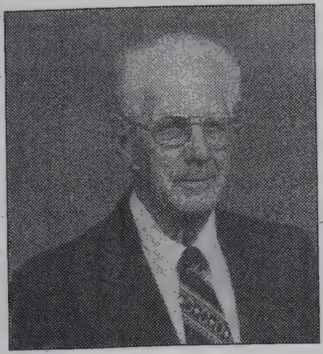
Born Sept. 17, 1924, in Avilla, she was the daughter of Fred C. and Iva E. (Stark) Householder. On Nov. 29, 1947, in Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, she married Lowell D. Weber. He died May 21, 2001.

Surviving are one son, Kenneth (Kathy) Weber of Spring Valley, Il.; three daughters, Ruth Ann (Julian) Kmiec of Elkhart, Cheryl (Donald) Oss of Everett, Wash., and Jill (Phillip) Sensibaugh of Albion; grandchild, Tara Sensibaugh; four step-grandchildren, Joelle Taft, Brett Kmiec, Kimberly and Andrew Oss; two step-great-grandchildren, Brynne and Lane Taft; brother, Karl (Josephine) Householder of Pretty Lake; and sister, Maxine (Maynard) Peterson of Albion.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Helen and Wilma Weber; and two brothers, Howard and Donald Householder.

Services were at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Avilla, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorials to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Hill Auxiliary or to the donor's choice.



Raymond Hoffman-89

COLUMBIA CITY -- Raymond G. Hoffman, 89. prominent Whitley County farmer and a resident of rural Columbia City, died at 11:12 a.m. Saturday, January 3, 2004, at the Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there for over three years.

Mr. Hoffman was born in Green Township in Noble County on August 19, 1914, a son of Carl Curtis and Bessie Fisher Hoffman, and spent his formative years there.

His marriage took place in Noble County to Verda A. Fry on August 24, 1935. The couple spent the early years of their marriage in Noble County until moving to Union Township in Whitley County in 1941. They have lived at their present home south of Collins since 1960. Mr. Hoffman was engaged in farming in Smith and Union Townships in Whitley County all of his life, and later operated the family farm along with his sons. He was a member of the Whitley County Farm Bureau.

Surviving are his widow, Verda; his four children and their spouses, Richard L. and Carol Hoffman, Kenneth R. and Ruth Hoffman, Patty and David Starkey, and Robert G. and Marsha Hoffman, all of rural Columbia City; and his sisters, Mabel Coulter and Donna Bohde, both of Fort Wayne, Eva Donley of Avilla, and Garnet Stephens of Huntertown. There are 16 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Allen Hoffman in 1944. Also deceased are two sisters, Gladys Gunder and Ruby Ward; a brother, Earlin Hoffman; a grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. today in the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Paul D. White, pastor of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

Interment will be at the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials may be directed to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Mary E. Parkison–82

WOLF LAKE – Mary E. Parkison of Wolf lake died at 9:43 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been admitted earlier in the day.

Mrs. Parkison retired from Lyall Electric in 1987 and had worked at General Electric, WPTA-TV Channel 21 and at several grocery stores.

She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, the Noble County Home Extension Club and VFW Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary in Wolf Lake.

Mrs. Parkison was born May 10, 1921, in Wolf Lake to Robert E. and Ruth G. (Gandy) Wysong. She graduated from Wolf lake High School.

On Aug. 24, 1946, she married George A. Parkison. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-laws, R. Stephen and Tamara Parkison of Crown Point and James and Nanette Parkison of Ligonier; two daughters and son-in-law, Suzanne Hopper of Fort Wayne and Joni and Kent Saggars of Ligonier, a brother, Paul E. Wysong of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren; a brother, Allen "Bud" Wysong; and a sister, Anne Parsons.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery Ormas.

Memorials are to VFW Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary.

Wendy Dorsett-29

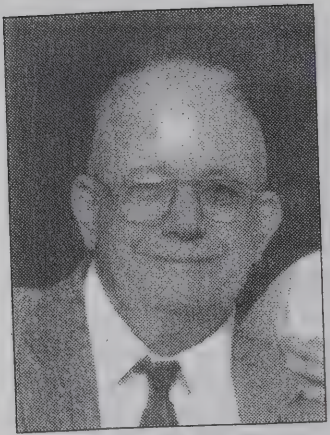
KIMMELL – Wendy K. Dorsett, 29, died Sunday, January 4, 2004, at her residence in Kimmell, Ind.

She was born in Fort Wayne and graduated from New Haven High School, class of "95".

Survivors include her mother and stepfather, Judy and Ron Wigge of Kimmell; sister, Robin Cook of Canada; stepbrothers, Scott and Bryan Wigge of Fort Wayne; stepsisters, Amy Bell and Kim Wigge of Fort Wayne.

Services were held Wednesday, January 7, 2004, at D.O. McComb & Sons, Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

For those who wish, memorials are to North East Indiana Kidney Foundation.



Harold "Jim" Young

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN - Harold James "Jim" Young, age 84, formerly of Albion, recently from Crawfordsville, IN, went to be with his Lord January 2, 2004, in St. Clare Hospital of Crawfordsville.

He was born on April 18, 1919, to Arlo and Ethel Gale Young in their home at Burr Oak in Noble County. He married Evelyn McGuire on June 30, 1943, at Wolf Lake Baptist Church. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1939. He began working with his father in the Burr Oak Country Store and was an electrician and plumber in the Albion community. He and his wife were later the owners of Jim's Hardware on the Courthouse Square in Albion for 25 years. They retired from that business in 1986.

He was active in community service and his church. He attended Burr Oak Baptist Church and was a charter member of Berean Baptist Church at 110 Highland Park Drive in Albion. He served as deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and treasurer.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Young of Crawfordsville, IN; brother, Dick Young of Sarasota, FL; three daughters and sons-in-law, Charlotte Boyd of Jackson, MI, Louise and Jerry Davis of Frankfort, IN and Karen and Stephen Selby of New Market, IN; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Carl "Red" Young.

A private memorial service was held at Berean Baptist Church due to the health limitations of his wife. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials may be made to the Missions Program of Berean Baptist Church, Albion. Correspondence with Evelyn and family may be made through Karen Selby, 6357 S 100 W, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Orr Funeral Home handled local arrangements.

Dorothea Baysinger

Dorothea G. Baysinger, 87, died Sunday, January 4, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Fort Wayne, a homemaker and was a member of West Creighton Avenue Christian Church.

Survivors include daughters, Charlotte Flynn, Marceil Fick and Mailyn Parker all of Fort Wayne; sons, Bernard Baysinger of Albion, Thomas, Charles, Wayne and Chester Baysinger all of Fort Wayne; 25 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and 16 great-great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Archie Fike of Nappanee.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chester P. Baysinger in 1992 and four sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials to Southern Care Hospice.

Evelyn Newsome

COLUMBIA CITY -- Evelyn Blanch Graves Newsome, 91, of Columbia City, and formerly of rural Albion, died Saturday, January 3, 2004, at the Oaks Living Care Center, Columbia City.

Surviving are her son, Junior (Geraldine) Graves of South Whitley; daughter, Martha Kessler of Churubusco; nine grandchildren, and several great and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, first and second husbands, Ernest Emerson Graves and Gordon Newsome; son, Earl J. Graves; daughter, Mary Lou Graves, two grandchildren, one great-grandson; seven sisters; and one brother.

Services are today at 1:30 p.m. at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor J. Phillip Blake, of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

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Darlene Goodrich

DRUMMOND ISLAND, MI - Darlene Kay Goodrich, 75, of Drummond Island, MI, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 31, 2003, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, MI.

Born on December 16, 1928, in Fort Wayne, a daughter of Clair and Grace (Braddock) Wineland, she grew up in Indiana and graduated from high school in 1947.

She married Gerald Eugene Goodrich on June 15, 1947, and they headed for Alaska. After a few years there, they returned to Indiana to raise their family. They moved to Drummond Island when her husband retired.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald; three daughters and son-in-law, Connie Stahlhut of Fort Wayne; Sharon and Jimmy Dorsey of Atlanta, GA; and Donna Premer of Fort Wayne; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Alan Goodrich of Drummond Island, and Robert and Pamela Goodrich of San Diego, CA; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Goodrich of Hopkins, MI; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Buthene Sampada of Millington, TN; and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Eileen Wineland of Columbia City.

She was preceded in death by her parents and son, Samuel Price Goodrich.

Services were held Monday, January 5, 2004, at Reamer Galer Funeral Home in Pickford, MI, with Pastor Doug DeGood officiating.

This obituary is being reprinted to provided additional information.

Jack Jennings

AVILLA — Jack E. Jennings, 67, of Avilla died Monday, Jan. 5, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Jennings was a truck driver for Myers Orchard Hills Farm and most recently drove a truck for Cline Trucking in Garrett.

Mr. Jennings

He was a member of VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 86 and Moose Lodge 1301, all in Kendallville.

Mr. Jennings was born May 7, 1936, in Kendallville to Theodore and Sarah (Hanlon) Jennings. On Jan. 12, 1974, in Kendallville, he married JoAnn Rumsey. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cyril and Amy Coburn of Centreville, Va., and Darrell Hewitt of Avilla; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryl Baysinger of Auburn, Heather and Bob Gamble of Kendallville, and Jacqueline and Kevin Murad of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Rita Jennings of Kendallville; a sister, Donna Caudill of Rice Town, Ky.; a grandson, Devon Hewitt of Avilla; and eight granddaughters, Ashley and Beverly Coburn, both of Centerville, and Sadey, Laken and Torre Gamble, Makayla Crist, and Chelsey and Rachel Murad, all of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery at Woodruff.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Edna Cutshall

CLEAR LAKE — Edna "LaVonne" Cutshall, 97, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

She had homes in both Fort Wayne and Clear Lake.

Mrs. Cutshall was born Jan. 19, 1906, in Columbia City, to Huber Alton and Lutrella (Love) Beeson. She was married to Charles Horace Cutshall, and he preceded her in death in 1976.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, and belonged to the Eastern Star, Daughters of the Nile, and Fort Wayne Women's Club. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge and bingo.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and William Loomis of Venice, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Jo Cutshall of Clear Lake; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Susan and Jim Ruggiero or Alburtis, Pa.; two grandsons, Bill Loomis of Waterloo and Bob Loomis of Auburn; and six great-grandchildren, Robert W. Loomis, Tiffany N. Loomis, Christin A. Loomis, William C. Loomis, Shawn P. Loomis and Jessica A. Ruggiero.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Clear Lake Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Mark Gaertner officiating.

Burial will be in Clear Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Lutheran Church, 270 Outer Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737.

Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Bertha Smith

LIGONIER — Bertha L. Smith, 91, of Ligonier died at 4:10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Smith had lived in Noble County most of her life and was a homemaker. She had been employed with the American Red Cross and had worked at A&P.

She was a member of Stone's Trace Historical Society and Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed watching sporting events on television, doing crossword puzzles and was a cat lover.

She was born Aug. 25, 1912, in York Township to Marion C. and Mabel (Fuller) Hursey. On May 11, 1944, in Texas, she married Robert Carl Smith. He died in 1980.

Surviving are a niece, Marsha Parsons of Canadian Lakes, Mich.; and two nephews, Darryl Hursey of Onsted, Mich., and David Hursey of South Boardman, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Walter B. and Durward B. Hursey.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be two hours prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

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Omar Shinn

FORT WAYNE — Omar Louis Shinn, 92, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Rome City, died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2004, at Beverly Rehab Center where he had resided the past three years.

Mr. Shinn

Mr. Shinn retired from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 32 years of service.

He was born June 18, 1911, in Auburn to Charles and Lenora (Wagner) Shinn. On June 6, 1936, in East Gary, he married Violet Henrietta Geiger. She died Jan. 18, 1993.

Surviving are a son, O. Louis Shinn Jr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Lenore and Larry VanPelt of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

George Reed

COLEMAN, Mich. — George A. Reed, 88, of Coleman and formerly of Ligonier, died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, in Coleman following a short illness.

Mr. Reed served as Topeka town marshal in 1961-62. He retired in 1980 from the Elkhart County Highway Department. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born in 1918 to Eva and John Reed. On Aug. 24, 1957, he married Muriel Cripe. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kim Waynee of Coleman; a son, Jack Reed; an adopted son, Mark Reed; two stepsons, Richard Cripe of Ligonier and Ronald Cripe of Goshen; a stepdaughter, Brenda Stellar of Ligonier; two grandsons; a brother, Chuck; and a sister, Miriam.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bob.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

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James "Jim" Young

CRAWFORDSVILLE — James "Jim" Young, age 84, formerly of Albion, recently from Crawfordsville, Ind., went to be with his Lord January 2, 2004 at 8:04 a.m. in St. Clare Hospital of Crawfordsville.

He was born on April 18, 1919 to Arlo and Ethel Gale Young in their home at Burr Oak in Noble County. He married Evelyn McGuire on June 30, 1943 at Wolf Lake Baptist Church. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1939. He began working with his father in the Burr Oak Country Store and was an electrician and plumber in the Albion community. He and his wife were later the owners of Jim's Hardware on the courthouse square in Albion for 25 years. They retired from that business in 1986.

He was active in community service and his church. He attended Burr Oak Baptist Church, and was a charter member of Berean Baptist Church at 110 Highland Park Drive in Albion. He served as deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and treasurer.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Young of Crawforsville; brother Dick Young of Sarasota, Fla.; three daughters Charlotte Boyd of Jackson, MI, Louise (Jerry) Davis of Frankfurt, Ind., and Karen (Stephen) Selby of New Market, Ind.; nine grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. He was preceeded in death by his parents and one brother, Carl "Red" Young.

A private memorial service was held at Berean Baptist Church due to health limitations of his wife. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetary in Merriam. Donations may be made to the Missions Program of Berean Baptist Church, Albion.

Correspondence with Evelyn and family may be made through Karen Selby, 6357 S 100 W, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

Orr Funeral Home handled local arrangements.

George A. Reed

COLEMAN, Mich. — George A. Reed 88, formerly of Ligonier died on December 22 in Coleman, Michigan following a short illness. He was born in 1918 to Eva and John Reed.

On August 24, 1957 he married Muriel Cripe, who survives.

He served three years in Armed Service. He retired in 1980 from the Elkhart County Highway Dept. He was Town Marshall of Topeka in 1961 and 1962.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter Kim Waynee of Coleman, Mich.; a son Jack Reed; an adopted son, Mark Reed; two stepsons, Richard Cripe of Ligonier and Ronald Cripe of Goshen; a stepdaughter, Brenda Stellar of Ligonier; two grandsons; a brother, Chuck and a sister, Miriam.

He was preceeded in death by his parents and a brother, Bob.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Mary Parkison

WOLF LAKE — Mary E. Parkison, 82, of Wolf Lake died at 9:43 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 2, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been admitted earlier in the day.

Mrs. Parkison retired from Lyall Electric in 1987 and had worked at General Electric, WPTA TV Channel 21 and at several grocery stores.

She was a member of Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, the Noble County Home Extension Club and VFW Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary in Wolf Lake.

Mrs. Parkison was born May 10, 1921, in Wolf Lake to Robert E. and Ruth G. (Gandy) Wysong. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On Aug. 24, 1946, she married George A. Parkison. He survives. Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, R. Stephen and Tamara Parkison of Crown Point and James and Nanette Parkison of Ligonier; two daughters and a son-in-law, Suzanne Hopper of Fort Wayne and Joni and Kent Saggers of Ligonier; a brother, Paul E. Wysong of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren; a brother, Allen "Bud" Wysong; and a sister, Anne Parsons.

Services were Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Memorials are to VFW Post 4717 Ladies Auxiliary.

Michael Heintzelman

CROMWELL — Michael Eugene Heintzelman Sr., 51,of Enchanted Hills, Cromwell, died at his home at 9:45 p.m. Tuesday December 30, 2003.

He was born May 9, 1952 to Harold and Zelda (Slusser) Heintzelman Sr.

He was employed for 20 years at Liberty Homes in Syracuse. He enjoyed working on cars.

Survivors include two sons, Michael E. (Pam) Heintzelman Jr. of Syracuse and Josh L. (Michelle) Heintzelman of Murrayville, Ga.; four grandchildren; his father Harold Heintzelman Sr. of New Haven; his mother Zelda Heintzelman of Larwill; a brother Harold (Lena) Heintzelaman Jr. of Warsaw; and a sister Debbie (Bill) Scott of California.

Cremation will take place with burial in Oakwood Cemetary at Warsaw.

There is no visitation. Services were to be held today, January 8, in the Chapel at Oakwood Cemetary with the Rev. Haraln Steffen, of Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the United Cancer Services of Elkhart County or the family.

Wendy Dorsett

KIMMELL — Wendy K. Dorsett, 29, of Kimmell died Sunday, Jan. 4, 2004, at her home.

She was born in Fort Wayne and graduated in 1995 from New Haven High School.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Judy and Ron Wigge of Kimmell; a sister, Robin Cook of Canada; two stepbrothers, Scott Wigge and Bryan Wigge, both of Fort Wayne; and two stepsisters, Amy Bell and Kim Wigge, both of Fort Wayne.

Services were Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North East Indiana Kidney Foundation.

Hazel Winkler

FORT WAYNE — Hazel V. Winkler, 84, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Dec. 29, 2003, at Regency Place.

Mrs. Winkler was born April 19, 1919, in Mason County, Mich., and retired in 1984 from GTE in Fort Wayne as a senior administrative clerk.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Walling of Danville, Ill.; a son, David Winkler of McFarland, Wis.; two brothers, Charles Allen of Wawaka and Wayne (Allen) Surfus of Union City, Ga.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold, in 1969.

Services were. Saturday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Burial wsas in Concordia Lutheran Cemetery.

Calling was one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

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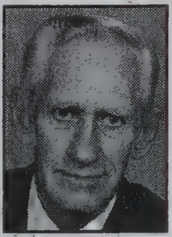
Cecil Baker

SHIPSHEWANA — Cecil G. Baker, 76, of Shipshewana died at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital. He had been in declining health.

Mr. Baker was a traveling field service engineer for Win-Pak and Portion Packing and had lived at Shipshewana Lake the past seven years.


Mr. Baker

He was a U.S. Marines veteran having served in World War II.

He was born March 14, 1927, in Flat Rock, Ill., the son of Elmer and Bertha (Souther) Baker. On Dec. 26, 1947, in Whiting he married Lavonne Ford. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rick and Darlene Baker of West Chester, Ill., and Jim Baker of Holmesville, Ohio; two sisters, Hazel Perrine of Oblong, Ill., and Elma Hout of Catlin, Ill.; and three daughters.

He was preceded in death by a brother and two sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Gary Klinger of Shipshewana Nazarene Church officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital Hospice.

Patricia Fuller

HOWE — Patricia Ann Fuller, 55, of Howe died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was employed by ARC Opportunities in Howe and was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. She was a member of Plato Methodist Church.

She was born July 15, 1948, in Sturgis, Mich., the daughter of Moyne W. and Hyacinth (Strayer) Fuller. They are deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Nina Presdorf of LaGrange, Betty Merriman Cockrum of Indianapolis and Moynetta Anderson of Plymouth; two brothers, Paul R. Fuller of Schaumberg, Ill., and David H. Stewart of Orlando, Fla.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Roy "Butch" Stewart and Lorrell Fuller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to ARC Opportunities.

Edith Petty

AUBURN — Edith C. Petty died Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Petty was a homemaker and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

She was born in Wilmington Township to Daniel and Maude (McCollough) Keller.

She married Floyd L. Petty on April 8, 1950. He died Jan. 19, 1978.

Surviving are her longtime companion, Loyal Frederick of Kendallville, 28 nieces and nephews and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ted Jansen will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Deborah Stoltz

ARGOS — Deborah Lynn "Debbie" Stoltz, 48, of Argos died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004.

She was born Oct. 12, 1955, to Thad and Barbara (Keating) Stoltz in LaGrange County.

Miss Stoltz

Before moving to Argos several years ago, she lived in Topeka, where she worked at Tower Ribbons and was a member of Topeka United Methodist Church.

She enjoyed bowling and activities with her family.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Christa Wease of Bluford, Ill., and Tiffany and Dustin Wood of Bluford, Ill.; her mother, Barbara, of Goshen; and a brother David Stoltz of Los Angeles, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her father.

A private service will take place with cremation following.

Arrangements by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Christopher Bailey

KENDALLVILLE — Christopher Allen Bailey, 1 hour old, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

He was born to Todd and Catrina Bailey of Kendallville.

He is survived by his parents; maternal grandparents, Claude and Debra Manns of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Larry and Pam Bailey of Kendallville; paternal great-grandmother, Anna Bailey of Kendallville and a brother, Lucas Bailey of Kendallville.

Graveside services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Lake View Cemetery Chapel with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held Friday for **Jack E. Jennings** at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dan Foster officiating.

Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Darrell Hewitt, Cyril Coburn, Richard Higginbottom, Harold Jennings, Bob Gamble and Kevin Murad.

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Generosity marked local farmer's life

BY BILL GISEL
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CORUNNA — Harry Hovarter was a voracious reader.

In addition to subscribing to a large number of area newspapers, one year he read an entire set of encyclopedias, according to his daughter, Carolyn Stahl.

Mr. Hovarter died Dec. 15 at the age of 88.

A farmer in Richland Township his entire life, Mr. Hovarter was a school bus driver for 40 years, including 28 years for DeKalb Central schools, where he was also a custodian.

Mrs. Stahl described her father as "a very generous individual," both with his time and talents, and with his money.

"He would read articles in a newspaper about someone or a family in need, and he would give them money," she recalled. Once a neighbor's home burned, and he helped financially as well as with his labor.

An avid gardener, he canned fruit and vegetables after his wife's death in 1983. Much of his canning was distributed to friends, neighbors and those in need, as were the flowers from his 147 rose bushes.

A childhood love of sports stayed with Mr. Hovarter through his entire life, Mrs. Stahl said. Her father started the adult baseball league that was active in the early 1940s, building a baseball diamond on his farm and giving Corunna players an opportunity to play other area teams.

Mr. Hovarter

"I remember we would go to Puritan's in Kendallville and get dry ice, and sell ice cream bars at those games," Mrs. Stahl said. "We also had pop we sold from an old tub, and that helped finance the team's equipment."

She recalled one Sunday game when someone spotted smoke coming from the home of a neighbor, who had complained about the "sin" of playing baseball on the Sabbath.

"The entire team went to that house, and even kids helped to get everything out before it could burn. Those people never complained about Sunday games after that," she said.

Mr. Hovarter would later help develop the baseball diamond in Corunna that is still in use by Little League teams.

His bus driving began at West Richland School, a two-room school attended by Mrs. Stahl and her brother, John Hovarter.

"Mom was the custodian, and she was blind from a brain tumor she had when she was pregnant with me," Mrs. Stahl recalled. "But she could do so many things, and when I couldn't help after school for some reason, dad would come back after his route and help her.

"When he was a driver and custodian at DeKalb, he would do anything to help. He would pass out milk in the cafeteria, and he often would buy or loan kids money for extra milk. If it didn't get paid back, he didn't care."

Her father's love of sports included Indiana University basketball games, which Mr. Hovarter attended regularly, buying tickets from scalpers. Mrs. Stahl, who is an IU alumna, recalled one time her father spent all his money for tickets to a game with Purdue. Her dad was able to cash a check at a restaurant that didn't take checks, because the owner had gotten to know her dad during his many stops to and from IU.

As a child, Mrs. Stahl said, she and her brother would have to listen to Cubs' baseball games and have a report for their father when he came in from working the fields. That was before radios on farm tractors, "or television, for that matter," she quipped.

At her father's visitation at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, Mrs. Stahl said she was amazed at the number of people who came, in light of the fact that so many of her father's friends had already passed away.

"People who rode on his buses would tell us how dad would buy them ice cream bars and give them all gifts at Christmas," she said.

She also learned that the kids on her dad's bus liked to pull pranks, "but he would pull them right back," she laughed.

One other love Harry Hovarter dad was swimming and diving, which he enjoyed even in old age.

"He loved to come to our cottage at Lake James and dive off the end of the pier. He also loved being pulled behind the boat on a zip sled," she said.

"One time he was hollering for us to stop, and when we did found that he didn't have his trunks on tight and that they were down around his ankles."

Catching her breath after laughing, Mrs. Stahl said her father called that experience "quite a ride."

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Wilkins a champion for business community

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Dan Wilkins' wife, Greta, said describing her husband with a few words was a hard thing to do.

"He was a very caring person," she said. "Everybody liked Dan. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. But I think what most people will remember was that he was a local businessman."

Mr. Wilkins

Mr. Wilkins, died Monday, Jan. 5, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne after a several-years-long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 70.

Over the years, Mr. Wilkins started several businesses in the Angola area. He was an engineer and owned Research Machine and Tool and Special Cutting Tools. He was a partner in Metal Spinners when the company started business in Angola. He was the owner of Prime Realty in Angola and was a developer.

Among other developments, he was known for developing commercial enterprises, like Commerce Way near the Steuben County 4-H Fairgrounds and the commercial zone at the corner of U.S. 20 and C.R. 200W, Angola.

Mr. Wilkins was dedicated to his wife, to whom he had been married for 47 years.

"Everyone has their ups and downs, but we had a lot of good years," she remembered with a smile in her voice. "We went everywhere and did everything together."

The Wilkins had two children, Randy and Cheryl. They have one granddaughter, Greta Liu Bo, 3, who Mrs. Wilkins said her husband "really enjoyed."

"He was sick the whole time she was here, but he just loved her so much," Mrs. Wilkins said.

Mr. Wilkins was a man of diverse interests and talents. He was an avid hunter, and fisherman, and also had a private pilot's license and enjoyed flying.

"He loved to travel," Mrs. Wilkins said.

One of Mr. Wilkins' favorite vacation spots was Hawaii. He also enjoyed going on hunting trips to New Mexico and Wyoming, where he would hunt for elk.

Gladys Clancy

INDIANAPOLIS — Gladys Viola Clancy, 90, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2003.

A former resident of Angola, Mrs. Clancy was born in Hinckley, Minn.

She worked as a registered nurse for five years after graduating from St. Joseph School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minn. She lived in Indianapolis and was a member of St. Pius X Church.

She is survived by five daughters and four sons-in-law, Kathy and Curtis Barnett of Illinois, Judy and Rick Bagby of Kansas, Linda and John Kline of Maryland and Pat J. and Tom Russell and Sheila Banner, all of Indiana; a son, Joseph J. Clancy of Indiana; a sister, Etoile Sarff of Minnesota; nine grandchildren, Chris and Gina Russell of Michigan, Jennifer Bagby of Illinois, Nathan Bagby of Kansas, John Kline and Melanie Kline, both of Maryland, William Clancy of Guam and Michael Benner, Sarah Benner and Amy Russell, all of Indiana; and three great-grandchildren, Christopher Russell, Jacob Russell and Lauren Russell, all of Michigan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph J. Clancy, and a son, Michael P. Clancy.

A private memorial service and burial will be in Angola at a later date.

Memorials are to Hooverwood, St. Vincent Hospice or a charity of the donor's choice.

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

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Stephen Mickem

HOWE — Stephen K. Mickem, 58, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Mickem

Mr. Mickem was co-owner of LaGrange Reconditioning Center in LaGrange from 1970 to 2002 and the owner of Ontario Ice Cream Parlor from 1996 to 1998 and the Union 76 Station in Howe from 1988 to 1990.

He was a member of the LaGrange County Chamber of Commerce, National Rifle Association, Ducks Unlimited, National Arbor Foundation, National Association for the Self-Employed, National Federation of Independent Business, LaGrange County Extension Board and Indiana Sheriff's Association. He was a lifelong resident of LaGrange County.

He was born July 20, 1945, in Kendallville to Melvin V. and L. Marie (Lewis) Mickem.

He married Julia A. Fought on Oct. 4, 1964 in Topeka. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Tammy and Greg Weldon of Wolcottville and Tonya and Patrick Carlson of McCordsville; a son and daughter-in-law, Kent A. and Cassidy Mickem of Howe; two brothers, Douglas Mickem of Syracuse and Terry Mickem of LaGrange; and a grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by two brothers, Larry Mickem and Anthony Mickem.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church at Wolcottville. The Rev. Richard Frederick will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Katie Hyser

COLUMBIA CITY — Katie Jo Lynn Hyser was stillborn at 2:46 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital.

She is survived by her parents, Torri Treace and Rodney L. Hyser of Big Lake; a twin sister, Kelsie Marie Hyser of Big Lake; a brother, Rodney Lee Hyser Jr. of Big Lake; a maternal grandfather and his wife, Hayworth "Skip" and Elva Treace of West Unity, Ohio; a paternal grandmother, Ruth Ann Creech of Collins; two great-grandparents, Cora Mae Colpetzer of Fort Wayne and Don Gilcher of Montpelier, Ohio; five aunts, six uncles and several cousins.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne. The Rev. Steve Hildebrand of Woodview Church of God will officiate. Burial will follow.

There will be no calling.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Clayton Lewis

ROME CITY — Clayton R. Lewis, 79, died Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at his residence in Rome City.

Before retiring in 1985, Mr. Lewis was a distribution supervisor with Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. for 40 years.

He was a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church and, during World War II, served as staff sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1943-1946.

He was born in Fort Wayne and was a resident of Allen County until 1991.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Lewis of Rome City; three sons, Steven R. Lewis of Huntertown, Michael L. Lewis of Lizton and Mark A. Lewis of Auburn; two daughters, Bonnie J. Souder and Cynthia A. Green, both of Auburn; a brother, Donald E. Lewis of Phoenix; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Frank E. Lewis and James C. Lewis; and four sisters, Martha H. Heath, Dorothy A. Brooks, Helen I. Ternet and Marjorie Hearn.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery at Fort Wayne.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the church and Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Vicki Anderson

ALBION — Vicki Leeann Anderson, 41, of Albion died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at 5:15 a.m. at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Mrs. Anderson

She had been ill for six years.

She was born May 17, 1962, to Lee and Roberta (Mynhier) Ober in LaGrange. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving is her husband, Doug Anderson. They were married on July 14, 2001, at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, where she was a member.

Mrs. Anderson worked as a machinist and inspector at Parker Hannifin in Albion. She was a graduate of Central Noble High School and lifelong resident of Albion. She enjoyed her family, art, gardening and crafts.

Surviving are four children, Derek, Chelsea and Bethany Herendeen and Nicole Anderson, all at home; one brother, Mark Ober of Albion; and two sisters, Jamei Luttringer of Albion and Marla Dee Gaff of Albion.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla with the Rev. Austin Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Helen Shearer

LIGONIER — Helen R. Shearer, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at 9:45 a.m. in Avalon Village at Ligonier.

Mrs. Shearer was a lifetime resident of Noble County. She had worked at the former Wirk Garment in Ligonier and then as a teacher's aide and in the cafeteria for West Noble School Corp.

She was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church and the Ligonier Order of the Eastern Star. She liked to sew, crochet, knit and go antiquing. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and was an exceptional baker and cook, as evidenced by her collection of cookbooks.

She was born Oct. 30, 1924, in Noble County to Alva and Dorothy (Chestnut) Vance.

She married Richard Shearer on Aug. 17, 1951, at Lake Wawasee. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Charlotte Shearer of Lebanon, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin Sue and Terry Tonkel of South Bend and Cheryl Lee and Brad Smith of Syracuse; a sister, Betty Biddle of Ligonier; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Don Poyser will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

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Florence Winebrenner

NORTH MANCHESTER — Florence L. Winebrenner, 84, of Ligonier and formerly of North Manchester died at 5:50 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had resided the past year and one half.

Mrs. Winebrenner was a homemaker and had been employed from 1937 to 1941 at the former Blue Bell Co. in Columbia City.

Mrs. Winebrenner

She was born July 29, 1919, in Whitley County the daughter of Grant M. and Geneva Bell (Walker) Knight. She graduated from Columbia City High School in 1937. On Oct. 7, 1940, in Elizabethtown, Ky., she married George LeRoy Winebrenner. He is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Jo and Gordon Carmean of Delphos, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Mary Ann Winebrenner of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Earl Schaefer of Columbia City; two stepsisters, Jeanie Craig and Marie Combs, both of Fort Wayne; four granddaughters; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling is from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Mary Huelsenbeck

KENDALLVILLE — Mary E. Huelsenbeck, 83, died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Donald Sherman

LAGRANGE — Donald C. Sherman, 92, LaGrange County Citizen of the Year in 1983, died at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2003, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Sherman was retired from Kirsch Co. of Sturgis, Mich. He was the first licensed male beautician in the state.

He was a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange, Meridian Sun Lodge F. & A.M. No. 76 in LaGrange and the Elks Lodge in Sturgis, Mich.

Mr. Sherman was born Nov. 20, 1911, in Wolcottville, the son of Harley H. and Mary Jane (Healey) Sherman.

Surviving are two nephews and their wives, Donald and Betsy Sherman of Cadillac, Mich. and Robert and Pat Sherman of Colorado Springs, Colo.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Sherman.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. David Porter officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Animal Welfare Association.

Ronald Shuler

ASHLEY — Ronald A. Shuler, 71, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Shuler was born in Fort Wayne on Oct. 18, 1932, to Donald and Marcella (Hubbard) Shuler. He married Barbara Weaver on Oct. 23, 1951, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

He was a retired welder and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He lived in Ashley for 10 years after moving there from Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Gary Shuler of Fort Wayne and Jeff Shuler of Angola; three daughters, Rinda Smith of Fort Wayne, Carmen Quinn of Columbus, Ohio and Jeanette Andrews of Angola; a sister, Carol Westfall of Columbus, Ohio; a half-brother, Don Shuler of White Pigeon, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences can be sent to Johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson was in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Loretta E. Weber** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating.

Burial was in Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Avilla.

Pallbearers were Clifford Householder, Mike Householder, Terry Housholder, Sam Housholder, Brad Owen and Doug Gaff.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, was in charge of arrangements.

Mahlon Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Mahlon A. Miller, 77, of Shipshewana died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 15, 1926, in LaGrange County, the son of Atlee and Anna (Glick) Miller. On Jan. 5, 1948, he married Wilma Eash. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Miller, Christena Miller and Irene and Owen Helmuth, all of Shipshewana; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Orva and Ada Miller and Mervin Miller, all of Shipshewana, and David and Mary Miller and Atlee and Margaret Miller, all of Topeka; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Alice and Elmer Beachy of Nappanee and Rosa and Ervin Miller of Topeka; a brother and sister-in-law, Dan and Ida Miller of Topeka; 19 grandchildren; and 41 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Mahlon and Wilma Miler; two great-grandchildren, Darrell Lehman and Cathy Yoder; and five brothers, Alton, Orva, Henry, Ervin and Perry Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Kenneth Yoder residence at 1245 S. C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana, with Bishop Elmer Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery.

Calling is after noon today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Christopher Bailey

KENDALLVILLE — Christopher Alan Bailey, 1 hour old, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

He was born to Tod and Catrina Bailey of Kendallville.

He is survived by his parents; maternal grandparents, Claude and Debra Manns of Kendallville; paternal grandparents, Larry and Pam Bailey of Kendallville; paternal great-grandmother, Anna Bailey of Kendallville; and a brother, Lucus Bailey of Kendallville.

Graveside services were held today at Lake View Cemetery Chapel with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Mary Huelsenbeck

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Elizabeth Huelsenbeck, 83, of Kendallville died Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Huelsenbeck worked for seven years as a bookkeeper for Kendallville Hardware on Main Street.

Mrs. Huelsenbeck

She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church for more than 50 years, where she taught Sunday school and served as treasurer for 35 years. She was a member of the Missionary Society and the Lutheran Church Women.

Mrs. Huelsenbeck was also a member of the Wittenberg University Board of Guilds in Springfield, Ohio. From 1960-62 she served as national president of the guild. She was a member of the Orange Township Home Extension Club and active on the Noble County Home Extension board.

She was born April 19, 1920, in Orange Township to William Owen and Agnes (Rimmell) Hague. She was valedictorian of the Rome City High School class of 1938. On Jan. 14, 1945, in Center Chapel Church in Noble County, she married Harold Huelsenbeck. He died June 14, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Huelsenbeck of Davenport, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Martin and Carol Huelsenbeck of Kendallville; a brother, Warren Hague of Richardson, Texas; and three grandchildren, Hans, Heidi and Karl Huelsenbeck, all of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, William, Owen and John Hague.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church or the Gene Stratton-Porter Memorial Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Emma Graber

SHIPSHEWANA — Emma E. Graber, 87, of Shipshewana died at 12:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Graber was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and a homemaker. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Sept. 8, 1916, in Shipshewana to Ezra E. and Anna (Christner) Miller. On Nov. 18, 1937, in Shipshewana, she married Henry F. Graber. He died July 16, 1998.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Anna and Abraham Bontrager of Dalton, Wis., Elsie and Fred Yoder of LaGrange, Edna and Freeman Bontrager of Hillsboro, Wis., and Ruby and Elva Yoder and Fannie and Jake Eash, all of Topeka; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Elmer and Pauline Graber of Bloomfield, Iowa, Ernest and Wilma Graber of Hillsboro, Orva and Ida Graber of Shipshewana, and Harley and Marcia Graber, and Amos Graber, all of Sedro Woolley, Wash.; 75 grandchildren; and 184 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers and five sisters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Ora Bontrager residence at 8255 W. C.R. 100S, Shipshewana, with Bishop Monroe Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after noon Wednesday and all day Thursday at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

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Harold Lambright

LAGRANGE — Harold M. Lambright, 87, of LaGrange died at 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mr. Lambright was a retired farmer and had provided transportation for the Amish.

Mr. Lambright

He was a member of OMS (Men for Missions) and enjoyed traveling. He had been to Russia and other foreign countries.

Mr. Lambright was born May 3, 1916, in LaGrange County to Michael and Susanna (Yoder) Lambright. On Dec. 10, 1937, in LaGrange County, he married Elizabeth Frye. She died April 6, 1946. On July 12, 1947, in LaGrange County, he married Ruth L. Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Birdena and Louis Bollenbocker of Nappanee, Karen Kotleba of Palatine, Ill., and Marcile and Lewis Lindsey of Bourbon; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Karl and Patricia Lambright of Kendallville, Weldon and Mary Lambright of LaGrange, and Glendon and Marlin Lambright, both of Middlebury; 24 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Dennis and Merritt; two grandsons, Sheldon Lambright and Jay Wise; five brothers; and three sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church, Shipshewana, with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 1-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Shore Mennonite Church.

Memorials are to OMS International (Men for Missions) P.O. Box 63220, Colorado Springs, Colo., 80962-3220.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Johnny Chaffins

GARRETT — Johnny Chaffins, 42, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born Aug. 11, 1961, in Middletown, Ohio, to James and Madeline (Kilgore) Chaffins. They survive in Garrett.

Also surviving are five sons, Spencer Rowe and Calib Chaffins, both of Howe, and David Short, Joshua Chaffins and Tyler Chaffins, all of Garrett; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Jack Chaffins of Garrett and James and Deb Chaffins of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Kimberly and Randall Kimball of Waterloo; a grandchild, Devin Short; a nieces, Holly Kimball; two nephews, James Kimball and Ryan Chaffins; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Perry Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Perry E. Miller, 57, of Shipshewana died at 2:10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at his home. He had been ill with amyotraphic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gerig's disease).

Mr. Miller worked for Jayco Inc. and was a farmer. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Jan. 5, 1947, in Sturgis, Mich., to Ezra J.S. and Annie (Yoder) Miller. His mother survives in Shipshewana. On Jan. 30, 1969, he married Esther Bontrager. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Elmer Dean and Loretta Miller of Goshen, Ora Lee and Lavera Miller of Millersburg, and Freeman and Katie Miller, Mervin Jay Miller and Ferman Miller, all of Shipshewana; a sister and brother-in-law, Alma and Calvin Miller of Goshen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Elmer and Ellen Miller of Middlebury and Levi and Mattie Miller of Shipshewana; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, three uncles and three aunts.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the family residence with Bishop Ervin Dean Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be after noon today and all day Wednesday at the family residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Linda Grate

GARRETT — Linda Lou Grate, 57, of Garrett and formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Grate was a homemaker and had worked at A-1 Production in Kendallville.

Mrs. Grate

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eagles Lodge in Garrett.

Mrs. Grate was born Aug. 31, 1946, in Kendallville to Bernard J. and Mildred Sorg.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Tammy Grate and Tina and George Krusz III, all of Kendallville; two brothers, Vern and Eugene Sorg, both of Kendallville; a sister, Norma Kirk of LaOtto; and two grandchildren, Ty Krusz and Kali Krusz, both of Kendallville.

Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen LeCount

NORTH WEBSTER — Helen Kathleen (Yeager) LeCount, 88, of North Webster died at 11:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mrs. LeCount

Mrs. LeCount was a homemaker. She and her husband resided on a farm in Wawaka until retiring 30 years ago to Epworth Forest in North Webster. The couple spent 33 winters in Leesburg, Fla.

She was a member of North Webster United Methodist Church and the Farm Bureau. She was well known for her sewing skills and had been a seamstress for her friends in Indiana and Florida. For several years she served as a 4-H leader in Elkhart Township.

Mrs. LeCount was born June 30, 1915, in Noble County to Joseph Harry and Edna (Gard) Yeager. On April 1, 1939, she married Paul G. LeCount. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Nelson and Joy LeCount of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Paulette and Garry Dowden of Thorntown; a granddaughter and her husband, JoNel and Jeffrey Kurtz of Wawaka; a great-granddaughter, Amelia LeCount Kurtz of Wawaka; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Herman Yeager; and a sister, Lucille Yeager McCloughan.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse with the Rev. Scott Mann officiating. Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Webster United Methodist Church c/o children's area expansion or the Noble County 4-H Endowment Fund c/o Noble County Community Foundation.

Tamara Rice

LIGONIER — Tamara Denise Rice, an infant, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Crystal Harlan, and father, Kenneth Rice, both of Ligonier; a brother, Dennis W. Barr of Ligonier; a stepgrandfather, Freddie Shephard of Kendallville; her grandmothers, Laura Rice of Ligonier and Tamara Groom of Kendallville; and a grandfather, Claude Rice of West Virginia.

A memorial service will take place at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Coney

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond Dale Coney, 79, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 12, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Mr. Coney

Mr. Coney was employed at Newnam Foundry for 20 years and retired from Lane Foundry in 1985 after 20 years of service.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the European Theater. He served from Dec. 11, 1942, until Dec. 10, 1945.

Mr. Coney was a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge.

He was born June 30, 1924, in Milford Township, LaGrange County, to Gaylord D. and Bernice Matilda (Bickel) Coney. He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1941. On March 21, 1942, in LaGrange, he married Deloris Coleen Hewitt. She died Dec. 15, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Carol Coney of Albion; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Sandy Fulk of Omaha, Neb., Sharon Slaybaugh of Ligonier, Sonia and Terry Saddison of Sturgis, Mich., and Twila and Dewey Kline of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Barbara Coney of LaGrange; two sisters, Violet Davis of Florida and Evelyn Murphy of LaGrange; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, a great-grandson; and a sister, Rhetha O'Hara.

Services are at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with John Coney from Assumption Christian Church in Assumption, Ill., officiating. Burial is in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County with military graveside services by the Kendallville VFW and American Legion posts.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a Masonic Lodge service at 7:45 p.m.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Helen K. LeCount

NORTH WEBSTER — Helen Kathleen (Yeager) LeCount, 88, of North Webster, Indiana, died Friday, January 9, 2004, at 11:20 p.m. at Kosciusko County Community Hospital in Warsaw, Indiana, following a brief illness.

Mrs. LeCount was born June 30, 1915, in Elkhart Township, Noble County, to Joseph H. and Edna (Gard) Yeager.

Her husband of 64 years Paul G. LeCount, survives. They were married April 1, 1939, at the Topeka Methodist Church parsonage. They resided on a farm at Wawaka, Indiana, until retiring to Epworth Forest 30 years ago. They spent 33 winters in the Leesburg, Florida area.

A homemaker, Mrs. LeCount was well known for her sewing ability. She was a seamstress for her neighbors in Indiana and Florida. She also decorated beautiful cakes. Helen was a 4-H leader in Elkhart Township, Noble County for several years. She was a member of the North Webster United Methodist Church and had been active in Farm Bureau. She had previously been a member of Asbury United Methodist Church at Albion.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her son and daughter-in-law, Nelson and Joy LeCount of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Paulette and Garry Dowden of Thorntown, Indiana; a granddaughter and her husband, JoNel (LeCount) and Jeffrey Kurtz; and a great-granddaughter, Amelia LeCount Kurtz, all of Wawaka. Several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Herman Yeager, and a sister, Lucille (Yeager) McCloughan.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 15, 2004, at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Syracuse, Indiana, with the Rev. Scott Mann of North Webster United Methodist Church officiating. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at the mortuary.

Internment will be at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier, Indiana.

Preferred memorials are to the North Webster United Methodist Church's Children's Area Expansion, 7822 E. Epworth Forest Road, North Webster, IN 46555, or the Noble County 4-H Endowment Fund, C/O Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway S, Ligonier, Indiana 46767, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Katie Jo Lynn Hyser

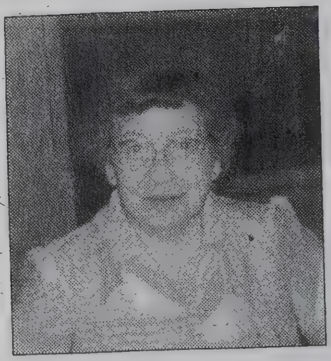
COLUMBIA CITY — Infant daughter of Torrie Treace and Rodney L. Hyser of rural Columbia City Big Lake, was stillborn at 2:46 p.m., Wednesday, January 7, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City, IN.

Surviving besides her parents are her twin sister Kelsie Marie Hyser, at home; a brother Rodney Lee Hyser, Jr., at home; her maternal grandfather and his wife Hayworth "Skip" and Elva Treace of West Unity, Ohio; her paternal grandmother Ruth Ann Creech of Collins; her great-grandparents Cora Mae Colpetzer of Fort Wayne, and Don Gilcher of Montpelier, Ohio; five aunts, six uncles, and several cousins.

Services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 13, in the chapel at Highland Park Cemetery, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne. Rev. Steve Hildebrand, pastor of Woodview Church of God, officiated, and interment followed there.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco was in charge of the arrangements.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com



Florence Winebrenner

NORTH WEBSTER - Florence L. Winebrenner, age 84, of North Webster died Sunday, January 11, 2004, at the Avalon Village, Ligonier, where she had resided the past 1 1/2 years.

She was born in Whitley County, IN on July 29, 1919, to Grant M. and Geneva Bell (Walker) Knight.

She grew up in Whitley County and after her husband retired, they moved to Backwater Lake Area near North Webster. She graduated from Columbia City High School with the Class of 1937. She was married to George LeRoy Winebrenner on October 7, 1940, in Elizabethtown, KY. She was a housewife and a mother; she also was employed from 1937-1941 by the former Blue Bell in Columbia City.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Jo and Gordon Carmean of Delphos, OH; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Mary Ann Winebrenner of Syracuse; four granddaughters; 11 great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Earl Schaefer of Columbia City; two stepsisters, Jeanie Craig and Marie Combs, both from Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, George LeRoy Winebrenner; brothers, Theodore, Louis, James and Earl Knight; sisters Anna Mae Rife and Doris Walda; and an infant grandson.

Services were held Tuesday, January 13, 2004, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Paul Griebel of St. John's Lutheran Church, Kendallville, officiating.

Burial was in Thorn Cemetery in Columbia City.

Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Winebrenner's memory to donor's choice or to St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Jack Jennings

AVILLA - Jack E. Jennings, 67, of Avilla died Monday, January 5, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Jennings was a truck driver for Myers Orchard Hills Farm and most recently drove truck for Cline Trucking in Garrett.

He was a member of VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 86 and Moose Lodge 1301, all in Kendallville.

Mr. Jennings was born May 7, 1936, in Kendallville to Theodore and Sarah (Hanlon) Jennings. On January 12, 1974, in Kendallville, he married JoAnn Rumsey. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Cyril and Amy Coburn of Centerville, VA, and Darrell Hewitt of Avilla; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cheryl Baysinger of Auburn, Heather and Bob Gamble of Kendallville, and Jacqueline and Kevin Murad of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Rita Jennings of Kendallville; a sister, Donna Caudill of Rice Town, KY; a grandson, Devon Hewitt of Avilla; and eight granddaughters, Ashley and Beverly Coburn, both of Centerville, and Sadey, Laken and Torre Gamble, Makayla Crist, and Chelsey and Rachel Murad, all of Kendallville.

Services were held Friday, January 9, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home. Burial was in Woodruff cemetery at Woodruff.

Vicki Leeann Anderson

ALBION — Mrs. Anderson passed away after a six year illness on Thursday, January 8, 2004, at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn.

Born on May 17, 1962 in LaGrange, IN., she was the daughter of Lee and Roberta (Mynhier) Ober, of Albion.

Vicki was a lifetime resident of Noble County, graduating from Central Noble High School. She was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church. She was employed by Parker Hannifan as a machinist and inspector. Her hobbies and interests were her family, art, gardening and crafts.

Vicki and Doug Anderson were united in marriage on July 14, 2001, in the Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion.

Surviving besides her husband and parents are her son Derek Herendeen, at home; three daughters, Chelsea and Bethany Herendeen and Nicole Anderson, at home; her brother Mark Ober; and two sisters, Jamei Lutteringer and Marla Dee Gaff, all of Albion.

Visitation and services were held at Brazzel Funeral Home in Avilla, IN. Burial at Sweet Cemetery, Albion. Memorials to the family.

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Mabel Bowman

VALPARAISO — Mabel Clara Bowman, 94, of Valparaiso and formerly of Osceola, died at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004.

Mrs. Bowman was a retired teacher from the South Bend Community School Corp. She attended Drake University and graduated from the University of Iowa.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of South Bend, the Esther Circle, Daughters of the American Revolution, Retired Teachers of St. Joseph County and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association.

She was born Feb. 13, 1909, in Promise City, Iowa, to Charles and Lennie (Phillips) Kinser. On July 20, 1938, in Chicago, she married Theodore "Ted" Bowman. He died July 27, 1973.

Surviving are two sons, Theo Bowman and his companion, Jodi Webb, of Greenfield, and Bruce Bowman and his wife, Katie, of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Valeda and Tom Sines of Valparaiso; six grandchildren, Jennifer Bowman of Lafayette, Rebecca Bowman of Indianapolis, Jeffrey Bowman and his wife, Katie, of Howe, Daniel Sines of Indianapolis, Elisabeth Sines of Muncie and Deborah Sines of Bloomington; and one great-grandchild, Autumn Hogue of Lafayette.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Howard LeRoy "Roy" Kinser and Merritt Kinser, and two sisters, Isis Steinberg and Edna Elder.

Services are at 2:30 p.m. Friday at Palmer Funeral Home, Osceola, with the Rev. Michael Booher officiating. Burial is in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola.

Calling is from 1-2:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, 1101 E. Jefferson, South Bend, IN 46617.

Ronald Allmandinger

AUBURN — Ronald R. Allmandinger, 69, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Allmandinger worked as a quality control manager at Rieke Corp. in Auburn, retiring in 1992 after 30 years of service.

He was a member of Pheasants Forever and Ducks Unlimited and was an avid trap shooter. He was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

He was born Oct. 25, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Earnest and Clara (Shelper) Allmandinger.

On May 15, 1954, he married Virgie Sims in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Kathy Allmandinger of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Jeff Hess of Rome City; two sisters, Lois Dettmer of Fort Wayne and Karen Grote of Valparaiso; three grandchildren, Adam Allmandinger, Amy Maloney and Brandy Hess; two great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ralph Allmandinger.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernus officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling is Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Madlean Coburn

LIGONIER — Madlean Coburn, 69, of Ligonier died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Coburn

Mrs. Coburn had retired after 23 years of service to Dana Corp. in Churubusco as a custodian.

She attended Shiloh Baptist Church and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles.

She was born April 2, 1934, in Hippo, Ky., to Floyd and Sally (Reffitt) Shepherd. On Feb. 28, 1953, in Garrett, Ky., she married Glen Coburn. He died Oct. 21, 1990.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Stoner of Cromwell and Cheri Hutto of Ligonier; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron Coburn, Rick and Marty Coburn and Ray Coburn, all of Ligonier; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim "Curt" and Dora Shepherd and Eugene and Lorrain Shepherd, all of Kendallville, and Roger and Bessie Shepherd of Fort Wayne; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Patty and Floyd Davis of Hippo, Juanita and Cecil Crum of Bunner, Ky., Irene and Kenneth Castle of Blue River, Ky., and Dora and Kenneth Lazar of Prestonsburg, Ky.; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a grandson, Tony Coburn, and a sister, Jannie Handshoe.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Anita Womack

CHURUBUSCO — Anita Judy Womack, 66, of Churubusco died at 2:15 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at the Masonic Home in Springfield, Ohio, following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Womack

Ms. Womack was employed for 38 years at NIPSCO in Fort Wayne. She retired from there in 1993. She had been active in the United Steel Workers of America Local 13796.

She was a member of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136 and served for many years on the board of directors of the Churubusco Park and the Turtle Days Committee.

Ms. Womack was born March 29, 1937, in Hardy, W.Va., to John B. and Inez (West) Womack. They are deceased. She graduated from Huntertown High School in 1955.

Surviving are a sister, Florence Nunchuck of Waukegan, Ill.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, James W. "Woody" and Freda Womack and John and Donna Womack, all of Melbourne, Fla., Jay D. and Glenda Womack of Cedarville, Ohio, and Tom and Judy Womack of Englewood, Ohio; several nieces and nephews; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Jenny Brookhart, and by two brothers, Chester Ray "Jack" Womack and Leo Womack.

Services are at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with the Rev. Timothy Grable of Sugar Grove Church of God officiating. Burial is in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling is from 5-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. An Eastern Star service will be at 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco Turtle Days.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Kenneth Fry

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kenneth Lee Fry, 6-month-old son of Harley I. and Susie A. (Bontrager) Fry of Wolcottville, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born June 25, 2003, in Shipshewana and was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving with his parents are his maternal grandparents, Abe and Lydia Mae Bontrager of LaGrange; his paternal grandparents, Ira and Alma Fry of Middlebury; his maternal great-grandchildren, Perry L. and Lydia Miller of LaGrange and Levi W. and Ruby Bontrager of Shipshewana; and his paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Ola Fry of Ligonier.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Ernest Eash residence, 6945 S. C.R. 200W, Wolcottville with Bishop Nathan Miller officiating. Burial is in Clearspring Cemetery.

Calling is all day Thursday at the Ernest Eash residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Wanda Donovan

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda K. Donovan, 53, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at her residence at the Lamplighter.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Rosemary Sparrow

ROME CITY — Rosemary Grace Sparrow, 81, of Rome City died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Willis Matson Sr.

AVILLA — Willis James Matson Sr., 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Matson was a farmer and owned Corunna Builders' Supplies from 1947 to 1960. He was a self-employed carpenter, retiring in 1972.

He was a World War II Army veteran, earning the Purple Heart, two bronze stars and the combat infantry badge.

Mr. Matson was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Yellowstone National Park from 1932-1933. He built Hidden Valley Trailer Park and then owned and operated it.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and was a life member and past commander of the Kendallville and Waterloo posts of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Jan. 23, 1913, in Franklin Township to Merritt A. and Ermie E. (Miller) Matson. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 7, 1935, he married Doris Hagerty in Angola. She died June 14, 2000.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee William Matson and Elaine Matson of Avilla, Willis "James" Matson Jr. and Sharon Matson of Avilla and Larry Allen Matson and Kathy Matson of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen Marie and Raymond Lamb of Jamestown, Tenn., and Nancy Lou and Ronald Sowles of Albion; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Dane A. Cupp, and three brothers, Edward, Robert and Lloyd Matson.

Graveside services will be conducted by the Waterloo VFW post Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling is Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the VFW Children's Home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Bertha Smith

LIGONIER — Bertha L. Smith, 91, of Ligonier died at 4:10 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Smith had lived in Noble County most of her life and was a homemaker. She had been employed with the American Red Cross and had worked at A&P.

She was a member of Stone's Trace Historical Society and Ligonier Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed watching sporting events on television, doing crossword puzzles and was a cat lover.

She was born Aug. 25, 1912, in York Township to Marion C. and Mabel (Fuller) Hursey. On May 11, 1944, in Texas, she married Robert Carl Smith. He died in 1980.

Surviving are a niece, Marsha Parsons of Canadian Lakes, Mich.; and two nephews, Darryl Hursey of Onsted, Mich., and David Hursey of South Boardman, Mich.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Walter B. and Durward B. Hursey.

Services were Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ligonier Presbyterian Church.

Helen Shearer

LIGONIER — Helen R. Shearer, 79, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 2004, at 9:45 a.m. in Avalon Village at Ligonier.

Mrs. Shearer was a lifetime resident of Noble County. She had worked at the former Wirk Garment in Ligonier and then as a teacher's aide and in the cafeteria for West Noble School Corp.

She was a member of Ligonier Presbyterian Church and the Ligonier Order of the Eastern Star. She liked to sew, crochet, knit and go antiquing. She loved to spend time with her grandchildren and was an exceptional baker and cook, as evidenced by her collection of cookbooks.

She was born Oct. 30, 1924, in Noble County to Alva and Dorothy (Chestnut) Vance.

She married Richard Shearer on Aug. 17, 1951, at Lake Wawasee. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard L. and Charlotte Shearer of Lebanon, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin Sue and Terry Tonkel of South Bend and Cheryl Lee and Brad Smith of Syracuse; a sister, Betty Biddle of Ligonier; and seven grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday in Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. The Rev. Don Poyser officiated. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Florence Winebrenner

NORTH MANCHESTER — Florence L. Winebrenner, 84, of Ligonier and formerly of North Manchester died at 5:50 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had resided the past year and one half.

Mrs. Winebrenner was a homemaker and had been employed from 1937 to 1941 at the former Blue Bell Co. in Columbia City.

She was born July 29, 1919, in Whitley County the daughter of Grant M. and Geneva Bell (Walker) Knight. She graduated from Columbia City High School in 1937. On Oct. 7, 1940, in Elizabethtown, Ky., she married George LeRoy Winebrenner. He is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Betty Jo and Gordon Carmean of Delphos, Ohio; a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Mary Ann Winebrenner of Syracuse; a sister and brother-in-law, Ellen and Earl Schaefer of Columbia City; two stepsisters, Jeanie Craig and Marie Combs, both of Fort Wayne; four granddaughters; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

ADVANCED LEADER LIGONIER, INDIANA
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Helen LeCount

NORTH WEBSTER — Helen Kathleen (Yeager) LeCount, 88, of North Webster died at 11:20 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 2004, at Kosciusko Community Hospital in Warsaw.

Mrs. LeCount

Mrs. LeCount was a homemaker. She and her husband resided on a farm in Wawaka until retiring 30 years ago to Epworth Forest in North Webster. The couple spent 33 winters in Leesburg, Fla.

She was a member of North Webster United Methodist Church and the Farm Bureau. She was well known for her sewing skills and had been a seamstress for her friends in Indiana and Florida. For several years she served as a 4-H leader in Elkhart Township.

Mrs. LeCount was born June 30, 1915, in Noble County to Joseph Harry and Edna (Gard) Yeager. On April 1, 1939, she married Paul G. LeCount. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Nelson and Joy LeCount of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Paulette and Garry Dowden of Thorntown; a granddaughter and her husband, JoNel and Jeffrey Kurtz of Wawaka; a great-granddaughter, Amelia LeCount Kurtz of Wawaka; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Herman Yeager; and a sister, Lucille Yeager McCloughan.

Services are at 11 a.m. today, Thursday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse with the Rev. Scott Mann officiating. Burial is in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling is one hour prior to the services Thursday (today) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the North Webster United Methodist Church c/o children's area expansion or the Noble County 4-H Endowment Fund c/o Noble County Community Foundation.

Tamara Rice

LIGONIER — Tamara Denise Rice, an infant, died Saturday, Dec. 20, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother, Crystal Harlan, and father, Kenneth Rice, both of Ligonier; a brother, Dennis W. Barr of Ligonier; a stepgrandfather, Freddie Shephard of Kendallville; her grandmothers, Laura Rice of Ligonier and Tamara Groom of Kendallville; and a grandfather, Claude Rice of West Virginia.

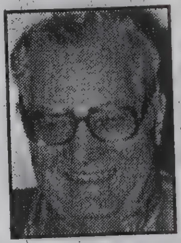
A memorial service will take place at a later date.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

John Marvel

CHURUBUSCO — John E. Marvel, 86, of Churubusco died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital. He had been in declining health and had been a patient at the hospital one week.

Mr. Marvel was formerly employed at the Carey Cement Co. in Churubusco and later worked at Dana Corp. He retired as plant operator of the Louisville Cement Co. in Fort Wayne in 1980.


Mr. Marvel

He was a World War II Army veteran. He served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater and was awarded the Bronze Star on four occasions.

Mr. Marvel was the past commander of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and served as an American Legion district officer. He was also a member of the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846, Disabled American Veterans and the 40&8 in Rome City.

He was born Aug. 7, 1917, in Pierceton, the son of Bert Ernest and Minnie (Wolf) Marvel. On Nov. 17, 1979, he married Rachel Elizabeth "Liz" Campbell Gilbert. She died Jan. 21, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Irene Clingerman of Albion and Patsy Dressler and Ruth and Richard Millikan, all of Churubusco; two sisters, Cora Mae Baker of Warsaw and Rose Kammer of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with the Rev. Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with military honors by a U.S. Army military detail. A funeral dinner will follow at Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Saturday and one hour prior to services Sunday at the funeral home.

Rosemary Sparrow

ROME CITY — Rosemary Grace Sparrow, 81, of Rome City died at 6:23 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital's emergency room in Kendallville.

Mrs. Sparrow was a homemaker and had lived in Rome City since 1967.

She was born March 14, 1922, in York Township in Noble County, the daughter of Hobart Hart and Emma Elizabeth (Hile) Stark. On May 1, 1940, in Ormas she married Charles William Sparrow. He died May 10, 1967.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Peggy Jane Moser of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Jean Ann and Ron Eme of Rome City; a sister, Betty Pressler of South Whitley; and a granddaughter, Shawna Michele Moser.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, John C. Sparrow and James H. Sparrow; and a sister, Dortha James.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Sneed officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Dahlia Everett

HUDSON — Dahlia G. Everett died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004.

She had retired from Cooper Engineered Products after 26 years and was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church.

She was born in Jackson, Kentucky, to James and Dora (Little) Gross, and moved to Fort Wayne from Hudson in 1987. She married Albert T. Everett on Oct. 6, 1940, and he preceded her in death on April 22, 1957.

Surviving are a son, Albert Everett Jr. of Ashley; three daughters, Bonnie Mergy and Shirley Evans of Fort Wayne and Joan Everett of Tampa, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Anthony and Timothy Evans, Bradley and Brent Mergy, Michelle Thomas, Keli Everett and Kristina Jollief; and eight great-grandchildren, Madison and Morgan Evans, Andrew Mergy, Jackson Evans, Jay and Everett Thomas, Bailey Tuttle and Jordan Jollief.

Services will be Saturday at 2:30 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with Pastor Kathleen Haller of Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne officiating. Calling is today from 5-9 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Memorials are to the Hudson or Ashley fire departments. Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Bonnie Worner

ANGOLA — Bonnie Lou Worner, 53, of Angola, died Thursday at home. Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Wanda Donovan

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda K. Donovan, 53, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at her residence at the Lamplighter in Kendallville.

Mrs. Donovan had worked at Colwell Merchandising in Kendallville.

She was born Oct. 3, 1950, in Stone Coal, Ky., the daughter of Hubert and Melvia (Lawson) Conley.

Surviving are her husband, James Donovan of Kendallville; a daughter, Veronda Combs of Hazard, Ky.; a son, David Short of Paintsville, Ky.; two stepsons, Stephen and Cheri Donovan of Kendallville and Michael Donovan of Colorado Springs, Colo.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles and Geraldine Conley of Kendallville and Buford and Karla Conley of Banner, Ky.; five grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

Services are at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Clarence Combs officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Jacquelyn Smolek

ALBION — Jacquelyn L. Smolek, 76, of Albion died at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was a homemaker and lifetime area resident. She enjoyed traveling and collected antiques.

She was born May 30, 1927, in Green Center, the daughter of Leonard and Ruth (Ashton) Summers. On Jan. 26, 1946, she married Arthur F. Smolek. He survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter, Julie Neuhouser of Albion; three sons and daughters-in-law, Brook and Brenda Smolek and Brad and Jera Smolek, all of Albion, and Bart and April Smolek of Wawaka; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Wayne Hiatt of Texas; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Michael Smolek; and a brother, Tom Summers.

Services are at 8 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Verda Hoffman

COLUMBIA CITY — Verda A. Hoffman, 85, of Columbia City died at 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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Verda Hoffman

COLUMBIA CITY — Verda A. Hoffman, 84, of rural Columbia City, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness. She had been a patient there since 1999.

Mrs. Hoffman was born in Noble Township in Noble County on Jan. 18, 1919, to William and Mae (Bennett) Fry, and spent her formative years with her family near Ormas. She married Raymond G. Hoffman in Noble County on Aug. 24, 1935, and the couple spent the early years of their marriage there. They moved to Union Township in Whitley County in 1941, and has lived at their present far home south of Collins since 1960. Her husband preceded her in death on Jan. 3, 2004.

Mrs. Hoffman

Always active as a farm wife, she enjoyed cooking, crocheting, gardening, and most especially enjoyed her family.

Surviving are four children and their spouses, Richard L. and Carol Hoffman, Kenneth R. and Ruth Hoffman, Patty and David Starkey and Robert G. and Marsha Hoffman, all of Columbia City; 16 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, a son, Jerry Allen Hoffman in 1944, four brothers, Ralph, Esta, John and Carl Fry, a sister, Helen Cowgill, a granddaughter, Debra Hoffman Hall, and two great-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Paul D. White, pastor of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene officiating. Burial is in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Churubusco Church of the Nazarene or the Alzheimer's Association.

One of Fort Wayne's best-known Santas, Phil Steigerwald, dies

FORT WAYNE — Phil Steigerwald, 76, who spent more than 40 Christmas seasons portraying Santa Claus in the Fort Wayne area, died Thursday as a result of diabetes-related complications.

Steigerwald, who began his career as the jolly old elf in the mid-1950s, had been battling diabetes for 35 years. Steigerwald was best remembered as the Santa at the Wolf & Dessauer department store in downtown Fort Wayne.

In addition to his many years of playing Santa, Steigerwald was also owner of Fairfield Realtors. He represented the 5th District on the Fort Wayne City Council in the 1960s and '70s, and was the treasurer of the Allen County Republican Party when he died.

He is survived by four children. He was preceded in death by his wife, Pat, in 1990.

Services are pending.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Raymond Coney** were held at 1 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor John Coney officiating.

Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Pallbearers were Dewey Kline, Shane Coney, Carey Coney, Mike Ebert, Ryan Kline and Joey Fulford.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mary Huelsenbeck** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Pallbearers were John Huelsenbeck, Kevin Huelsenbeck, Kent Pfaffman, Aaron Pfaffman, David Hague and Kent Hague.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Linda Grate** were held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Booher officiating.

Lorraine Coleman

GARRETT — Lorraine M. Coleman, 59, died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at 9:30 p.m. at her home.

A lifetime Garrett resident, she was an inspector at Mossberg Hubbard in Garrett for 24 years before retiring in 1989. She also was the AFL-CIO Union secretary at Mossberg.

Mrs. Coleman was born Oct. 24, 1944, in Garrett to Frank A. and Olive L. (Hulburt) Rowe. They preceded her in death.

She married George L. Coleman on March 30, 1963, in Kendallville. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Todd L. Coleman of Auburn and Tim L. Coleman of Garrett; a daughter, Tammy L. Coleman of Auburn; four grandchildren, Zachary Coleman, Christina Meyer and Seth Coleman, all of Auburn, and McKenzie Coleman of Albion; two brothers, William Rowe of Garrett and Richard Rowe of Waterloo; a sister, Carol Parr of LaOtto; and her mother-in-law, Laura M. Coleman of Kendallville.

A brother, Robert Rowe, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be conducted Monday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Richard Jones officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Reba Crowl

HAMILTON — Reba L. Crowl, 85, of Hamilton died Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Crowl was born Sept. 5, 1918, in DeKalb County to Avery and Edith (Radabaugh) Lemmon. She was married to Lawrence Crowl on April 16, 1938, and he preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 2002.

She was a nutrition aide with the Purdue Extension Office at Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne for 14 years, and worked at Hamilton High School for six years.

She was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church. She was a 50-year member of the Angola Chapter No. 78 of the Order of the Eastern Star, and belonged to the Steuben County Republican Women's Club. She was a former member of the Home Extension Club.

Surviving are a daughter, Connie R. Johnson of Hamilton; two sons, Charles Crowl of Hamilton and James Crowl of Angola; a sister, Joyce Sutton of Hamilton; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor George Foulk officiating. Burial is in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m., with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Pleasant Lake Baptist Church or the Steuben County Community Foundation.

This obituary is being repeated to provide additional information.

Rosemary Sparrow

ROME CITY — Rosemary Grace Sparrow, 81, of Rome City died at 6:23 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital's emergency room in Kendallville.

Mrs. Sparrow was a homemaker and had lived in Rome City since 1967.

She was born March 14, 1922, in York Township in Noble County to Hobart Hart and Emma Elizabeth (Hile) Stark. On May 1, 1940, in Ormas, she married Charles William Sparrow. He died May 10, 1967.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Peggy Jane Moser of Las Cruces, N.M., and Jean Ann and Ron Eme of Rome City; a sister, Betty Pressler of South Whitley; and a granddaughter, Shawna Michele Moser.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, John C. Sparrow and James H. Sparrow; and a sister, Dortha James.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Pastor Kevin Sneed officiating. Burial is in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell.

Calling is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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Kenneth Cope Jr.

PLEASANT LAKE — Kenneth L. Cope Jr. 63, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was a bartender at The Greentop in Waterloo and a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge. a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 13, 1940, in Angola to Kenneth and Lucille (Rowe) Cope Sr. On Nov. 11, 1966, he married Marjorie Ickes, and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Matt and Cheryl Cope of Cape Coral, Fla., Joe and Gayle Cope of Waterloo, Roger Cope of Pleasant Lake and Eric and Mindy Cope of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lisa and Doug Barnes of Greencastle, Michelle and Frank Davis of Angola and Melissa Cope of Angola; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan and Sue Cope and Richard and Penny Cope of Angola; two sisters, Becky Cope of Pleasant Lake and Patty Taylor of Marion; and 11 grandchildren.

Services are Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with John Coney officiating. Calling is Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial is in Cope Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials are to the family.

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Crash victim had a gift for ministry

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — Dana Kyle had memorized the entire New Testament book of First John in order to perform a one-man soliloquy as the Apostle John.

"He had a tremendous voice for narration, and he loved drama," noted the Rev. David Schleh, pastor of the Auburn Alliance Church where Dana was a member.

Mr. Kyle died in a head-on crash of his pickup truck and a car Dec. 30 near Auburn. The other driver was passing two other vehicles on a hill, in a posted no-passing zone.

"I am still grieving," said Schleh. "The entire congregation is feeling the loss. Dana was destined for a key role in the leadership of the church."

Dana and his wife, Lynn, joined the Auburn Alliance Church about a year ago, Schleh said.

"I was immediately impressed with his intellect: He was smart, but not aloof, and he was gentle in relating to our young people," the pastor said.

Bobbie Lee, another church member who works with the youth of the congregation, said Dana had only begun working with the youth in August and was from the start very popular.

"He was multi-talented," Lee recalled, and "very funny" doing voice imitations of people and characters. She considered Dana a good friend to virtually everyone.

"There was no generation gap in Dana's life," she said. "From the oldest down to the toddlers, he loved them all the same."

According to Schleh, Dana had the capacity to challenge people intellectually.

"He challenged me, and kept me sharp," the minister said. "I appreciated that, because it was constructive and not combative.

"For me to be fair to his memory, I have to say that I really believe Dana's main mission was to honor our Lord Jesus; that is what drove him to participate in a mission trip to Ecuador.

"He came back with a different drive ... his commitment had deepened. He had a definite gift from God for ministry."

Mr. Kyle was the logistics manager for Group Dekko Inc. in Kendallville, where he had worked for nine years. A native of Ohio, he is survived by his wife, a sister and five nephews.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Dana Kyle, upper left, is shown with team members of a recent mission trip to Ecuador by members of the Auburn Alliance Church.

Sharon Koelzer

JOPLIN, Mo. — Sharon Joan Koelzer, 61, died at 10:32 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at St. John's Hospital in Joplin.

She had worked at Eby Ford in Goshen, Ind., and Pete Fall Ford in Elkhart, Ind., as a bookkeeper, and then was an over-the-road truck driver, which she loved. She had moved to Joplin in 1999, and had lived most of her married life in Gretna, Neb.

Mr. Koelzer

Mrs. Koelzer attended Huff Corners Elementary School in LaGrange County, Ind., and was a 1960 graduate of Bethany Christian High School, Goshen.

She enjoyed growing and arranging flowers and collecting Precious Moments, depression glass and dolls.

She was born May 28, 1942, in Topeka, Ind., to Samuel S. and Rachel Matilda (Miller) Miller.

On Dec. 31, 1984, in Omaha, Neb., she married Raymond Lawrence Koelzer.

Surviving are her husband; four stepdaughters, Catherine Ann Hudgins of Delta, Ala., Joan Lori Koelzer of Omaha, Lisa Annette Christy of Flagstaff, Ariz., and Mitzi Marie Mason of Omaha; five stepsons, Raymond Anthony Koelzer of Omaha, Lawrence Raymond Koelzer of Savannah, Mo., Michael Garil Koelzer of Omaha, Richard Allen Koelzer of Richmond, Mo., and Kevin Wayne Koelzer of Omaha; 22 stepgrandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Willowdean Schleining of Goshen, Wilma Jean and Walter Schrock of Shipshewana, Winifred and Aaron Lehman of Slave Lake, Alberta, Canada, and her twin, Karon June and Vance Weaver of Goshen; and one brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Leabell Miller of Shipshewana.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. Tina Schlabach of the Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, officiating. Burial will be at Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bethany Christina High School or the American Cancer Society.

Jean Potter

AUBURN — Jean E. Potter, 77, of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Potter was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born April 23, 1926, in Auburn.

Surviving are three sisters, Barbara Potter Capen, Janet Potter and Jane Potter, all of Auburn; a niece and her husband, Mary Ann and Jerry McClain of Texas; an aunt, Joan Knepper of Auburn; and an uncle, Bill Myers of Auburn.

Her parents preceded her in death.

A private family service will be conducted Tuesday in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

There will be no calling.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Emma Keim

HENDERSON, Nev. — Emma Jane Keim, 88, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004.

The South Whitley native was a clerk at International Harvester, retiring in 1975.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the World Wildlife Federation.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Miller of Henderson and Stephanie Schreiner of Albion; two sisters, Mary Koppenhafer of Thousand Oaks, Calif., and Maxine Lydon of Fort Wayne; one brother, Eberly VanWey of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren Melanie Hall, Timothy Sparks, Christine Reavis and Kara Weber; four great-grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Daniel W. Keim in 1969; one brother, Donald VanWey; and one grandson, Michael Hall.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Elzey Patterson Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society.

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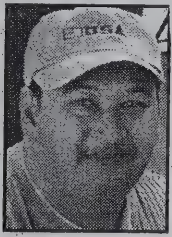
Keith Coney

KENDALLVILLE — Keith C. Coney, 41, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at his residence.

He was a retired factory worker and had lived his entire life in LaGrange and Noble counties. He was a NASCAR fan and a fan of his nephew, who drives a race car for LA West Racing of LaGrange.


Mr. Coney

Surviving are his fiancee, Kelley Rumsey; his mother, Edith (Fuller) Coney of Ligonier; three daughters, Mistee Coney of Howe, Mindee Coney of Kendallville and Brandee Miller of Goshen; two sons, Jeremee Coney of Howe and Dustin Miller of Goshen; one sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Jeff Artecki of Kendallville; two brothers, Bradley Coney of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Jeffery Coney of Topeka; eight nephews and seven nieces.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, the Rev. John Coney officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his children.

Bonnie Orner

ANGOLA — Bonnie Lou Orner, 53, died at 7:20 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, 2004, at her home.

She had worked at Scott's and Cameron Hospital in Angola.

She was born May 15, 1950, in Hudson, Mich., to Issac B. and Rose Belle (Ross) Goldsmith.

On Dec. 1, 1972, she married William H. Orner. She moved to Angola two years ago.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter and son-in-law, Bonnie and Alvin O'Brien of Pleasant Lake; one son, William Orner and his fiancee Chrystal Rodgers, both of Lake James; six grandchildren, Michael, Ashley and Kimberley O'Brien and Sierra, Shaleah and Devin Orner; two sisters, Doris Whitehead of Lyons, Ohio, and Linda Stangle of Carrollton, Ky.; and two brothers, Bruce Goldsmith of Waldron, Mich., and Orville Goldsmith of Morenci, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Lake Missionary Church, 9030 U.S. 20 West, Angola, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating.

Calling is one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

The Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Hugh Fulk Sr.

LAOTTO — Hugh E. Fulk Sr., 89, of LaOtto, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at 12:10 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fulk was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 14 years, serving in World War II and Korea.

After leaving the Air Force, he owned the LaOtto Body Shop for 42 years. He had lived in LaOtto for 53 years. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II.

He was born Feb. 5, 1914, in Churubusco to William R. and Lucy (Summers) Fulk.

He married Marilynn Southern on June 21, 1941, in LaOtto. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Hugh Fulk Jr. and Linda Fulk of Wagoner, Okla., and David and Shirley Fulk of Kendallville; a sister, Marion Harnish of Auburn; four grandsons, Matthew Fulk of Big Lake, Minn., and Duane, Jamie and Daniel Fulk, all of Wagoner, Okla.; a granddaughter, Brandy Teders of Avilla; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Robert and Clifton.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lavina Maulsby

AVILLA — Lavina A. Maulsby, 81, of Avilla died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home where she had resided since November.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Evelyn McBride

CHURUBUSCO — Evelyn L. McBride, 94, of Churubusco and formerly of LaOtto, died at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health the past year.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

John Ford

ALBION — John Ford, 87, of rural Albion died at 4:10 a.m. today, Jan. 19, 2004, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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Driver dies in one-car crash

BY MATT GETTS
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KENDALLVILLE — A 22-year-old man was killed Monday night in a crash on the city's east side.

According to the Kendallville Police Department, Christopher Thiem, 22, of Wood Street in Kendallville was driving eastbound on North Street (U.S. 6) at approximately 11:23 p.m. when, for some unknown reason, his car gradually began to veer to the right and off the roadway.

Thiem's Chevrolet struck a van parked off the roadway near Rogers Road, then became airborne, tearing the roof off another parked vehicle on the property at 2702 E. North St. Thiem was ejected from the Chevrolet.

He was pronounced dead at the scene by Noble County Coroner John Brazzell.

It hasn't been officially determined, but Kendallville Police Department Patrolman Chris Harlan said he did not think alcohol was a factor in the crash.

Thiem was the son of Dave and Cathy Thiem of Kendallville. Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Lavina Buckles-Maulsby

AVILLA — Lavina A. Buckles-Maulsby, 81, of Avilla died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Buckles-Maulsby was a lifetime Noble County resident and had been a clerk at the Avilla Hardware for more than 25 years.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla, Ladies Aid Society of the church, Avilla Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, and a Gold Star Mother. She enjoyed traveling, doing crafts and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born May 24, 1922, in Green Township to George and Hazel (McCreary) Owen. Her first husband, Russell Buckles, died Jan. 18, 1945. Her second husband, Marshall Maulsby, died in 1968.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard and Pat Buckles, George Buckles, and Donald and Bethal Buckles, all of Avilla, and James Buckles of Kendallville; a daughter-in-law, Nancy Buckles of Waterloo; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Lila Schmuck of Avilla, Myrtle and George Bohnenberger of Avilla, and Irene Molargik of Garrett; 15 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial is in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Immanuel Lutheran Church organ fund.

John Ford

ALBION — John T. "Jack" Ford, 87, of Albion died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ford was a charter member of the Washington Township Fire Department and had served as fire chief for several years. He was a member of the Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association (IVFA) and was a longtime legislative lobbyist for the IVFA. He had served as the IVFA president, vice president and more than 30 years as IVFA board secretary.

He had retired in 1982 after 25 years with WKJG TV-33. He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion and had been named a Sagamore of the Wabash.

Mr. Ford enjoyed woodworking, leather crafts, traveling and spending time with his family.

He was born in Canada June 10, 1916, to John and Mary (Carter) Ford. On Dec. 1, 1943, in Fort Wayne, he married Ruth Seibold. She died Aug. 25, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Judith and Wayne Fox of Rome City, Phyllis and Thomas Sweet of Fort Wayne, and Rebecca and Steve Tonkle of Albion; a brother, Robert Ford of Canada; eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a son; and two brothers, James and an infant.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Burial is in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2-4 and 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with a rosary at 6:30 p.m. and an IVFA service at 7 p.m.

Inez Beach

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Inez Hobbs Beach, 90, of Montpelier died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at the Dilworth Center of Community Hospital of Williams County in Montpelier.

Mrs. Beach was a registered nurse and had been employed for many years at the former William County General Hospital in Montpelier and had done private duty nursing for several years. She was a longtime volunteer nurse with the Red Cross bloodmobiles.

She was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Salt Lick, Ky., to Clifford and Mae (Pierce) Hobbs. She was a graduate of Cromwell High School in Cromwell, Ind., and Epworth Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in South Bend, Ind.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda L. Beach of Wooster, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Ada Hobbs of Ligonier; a sister-in-law, Dorie Hobbs of Michigan City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David A. Beach, on Aug. 17, 1982; and two brothers, Lester Hobbs and Arnold Hobbs.

Graveside services are at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, Ind., with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating.

There is no visitation.

Memorials are to Hospice of Community Hospital of Williams County, the American Heart Association or the donor's choice through the Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, 335 Empire St., Montpelier, Ohio 43543.

Evelyn McBride

CHURUBUSCO — Evelyn L. McBride, 94, of Churubusco and formerly of LaOtto died at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health for the past year.

She retired in 1974 after 30 years of service as a candy maker at Wayne Candies in Fort Wayne. In 2000, she was honored for being a member of Ari Church of God for 78 years. She was also a member of the Noble County Home Demonstration Club.

She was born in Allen County Aug. 1, 1909, to Calvin and Ada A. (Johnson) McBride.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews, including Carol Alspach and her husband, Dan, and Betty Sloffer, all of Churubusco.

Preceding her in death were five brothers, Cecil, Forrest, Laurel, Ray and Roy McBride.

Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with the Rev. Carroll McNutt of Ari Church of God officiating. Burial is in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ari Church of God.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Oneita Nelson

LAGRANGE — Oneita A. Nelson, 87, of LaGrange died today, Jan. 20, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Services Held

ALBION — Services for **Jacquelyn L. Smolek** were held at 8 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Nancy Ferguson officiating.

Burial will be at a later date at Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Pallbearers were Bradley Smolek, Brook Smolek, Bart Smolek, David Smolek, Brock Smolek, Brian Smolek and Jonthan Spohr.

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Louella Garrett

TOPEKA — Louella R. Garrett, 89, of Topeka died at 6:15 a.m. Monday at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Garrett had moved to the area 24 years ago from Midland, Mich. She was in housekeeping for the Bullock Creek School System in Midland. She was a member of Maple Grove Church in Topeka.

Mrs. Garrett

She was born Oct. 7, 1914, in Midland to Abraham D. and Katherine (Baer) Yoder. On Jan. 21, 1935, in Archbold, Ohio, she married Wilbur Yoder. He died May 23, 1958. On June 7, 1975, she married Samuel W. Garrett. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marva Yoder-Rancho of Cucamonga, Calif., and Lois and David Hooley of New Paris; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Darrell Yoder of New Matamoras, Ohio, Ronald and Linda Yoder of Midland, Lynn and Judy Yoder of Shipshewana and Doyle and Wendy Yoder of Norway, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Harlan Yoder; a daughter, Ardice Kauffman; a grandson, Lance Yoder; a great-granddaughter, Jessica Bontrager; two sisters, Amanda Mast and Ina Miller; three brothers, Perry, Earl and Martin Miller; a half sister, Ida Hochstetler; and two half brothers, Dan and David Miller.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at Midland Mennonite Church in Midland with Pastor Don Duford officiating. Burial is in Homer Township Cemetery in Midland.

Calling is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Maple Grove Church in Topeka and from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday at Midland Mennonite Church in Midland.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Johnson

TOPEKA — Mary E. Johnson, 46, of Topeka died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at her home.

She was a homemaker and had lived in Topeka the past 16 years. She had raised horses at one time.

Mrs. Johnson enjoyed reading, genealogy, games, crocheting and doing crafts. She was a member of Community Fellowship in Topeka.

She was born July 2, 1957, in Muskegon, Mich., to William Robert and Marie A. (Bender) Johnson.

Surviving is a son, William Becker of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her parents and an infant brother.

Memorial services are at 7 p.m. Thursday at Topeka Mennonite Church with the Rev. Lyndon Stutzman officiating.

Memorials are to the William Becker college fund c/o Farmers State Bank in Topeka.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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Community mourns Lauren Shields, 12

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — The West Noble community is in mourning today as news spread of the death of Lauren Shields, the 12-year-old sixth-grader at West Noble Middle School whose battle with cancer over the past year touched the hearts of many.

Lauren Shields

Lauren died in her home Tuesday afternoon, surrounded by her family.

Her prognosis was never positive after doctors discovered a tumor near her brain, but Lauren defied the odds. After a series of initial treatments at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, she spent a long period of time at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Her battle was an inspiration to many and the community rallied around Lauren and her family. There were fund-raisers and prayer vigils that united the community as people of all ages and faiths were inspired by her courage. Her mother, Lisa Shields, left her job as a bus driver for West Noble schools to be with her daughter.

Lauren's story left an emotional footprint on everyone at the middle school, according to principal Bill Anders, who noted that Lauren set an example for more than her classmates.

"She was also an inspiration to all of the adults that touched her life. She was extra courageous and she was upbeat, literally, to the end," Anders said this morning. "She knew deep down inside her, she was going to a better place and had nothing to be afraid of. To see that inside her was awe-inspiring."

Anders said school counselors Maxine Emmert and Janet Hutsell were helping students, teachers and staff deal with Lauren's death, and several local ministers and pastors were at the school today to talk to students and others. "A lot of kids just need someone to listen to," he said.

In dealing with the death of a child, reactions vary in intensity as well as time, he said. "We learn from experience that it may be three to four weeks down the road before it really sinks in to

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some of the kids," Anders said. "It's not always immediate and that's what we have to be sensitive to and ready for."

Following her treatments in the first half of 2003, which included surgery at St. Jude's, Lauren returned home and was able to lead a normal life as a middle school student, participating in sports and extracurricular activities. Just a few weeks ago she was on the sidelines of a West Noble High School girls basketball game, serving as one of the team's honorary managers and helping the players and coaches.

At the West Noble boys basketball game Tuesday night, a moment of silence was observed before the game in honor of her memory.

Just before the holidays, Lauren was treated to a shopping spree at Glenbrook mall in Fort Wayne and she made sure she shared her trip with her brother, Andrew, and other members of the family. The trip was arranged through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Her brother made the observation that his sister's initials, LKS, stood for "Loving, Karing, Sharing."

Everyone who knew Lauren was impressed with her faith in the Lord as she was always active at her church, Cromwell United Methodist Church.

In December 2003, her illness turned into an uphill battle and Lauren returned to St. Jude's for another series of treatments. But this time it was just too much for one little girl to fight and she was sent home by doctors.

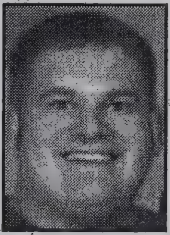
In the last weeks of her life she continued to be comforted by friends and many of her teachers, and others from the middle school visited Lauren in her home. Earlier this month, dozens of people, some who had never met Lauren, gathered in front of the Shields home for a candlelight prayer vigil.

Her short but love-filled life will be celebrated in a service on Saturday at Stone's Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

A full obituary for Lauren is on this page.

Christopher Thiem

KENDALLVILLE — Christopher David Thiem, 22, of Kendallville died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, in a traffic accident near Kendallville.


Christopher Thiem

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and was deeply devoted to his Christian faith. He loved to study the Bible to learn more about his God.

He was born Aug. 26, 1981, in Kendallville to David Arthur and Cathy Lynn (Young) Thiem. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a sister, Laura Thiem of Kendallville; his paternal grandparents, Arthur and Evelyn Thiem of Kendallville; and his maternal grandmother, Ilene Young of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, John Young, on Feb. 10, 1982.

Services are Thursday at 4 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Griebel and the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating. Burial is in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran School.

Condolence may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Oneita Nelson

LAGRANGE — Oneita A. Nelson, 87, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at her home.

She was a lifetime resident of LaGrange and retired from the bookkeeping department of Farmers State Bank where she was employed from 1943 to 1981. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange.

She was born May 29, 1916, in LaGrange to Orville J. and Lelia (Garlets) Nelson.

Surviving are three sisters and a brother-in-law, Phyllis Meyer of LaGrange, Goldie Hooley of LaGrange, and James and Janice Smith of Carmel; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Thurlow G. Nelson of Bluffton and Ralph Q. and Betty Nelson of LaGrange; a sister-in-law, Lorraine Nelson of LaGrange; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frazier E. Nelson.

Services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Terry Timson officiating. Burial is in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling is from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Mary Kellam

COLON, Mich. — Mary Euphemia Kellam, 90, of Colon died Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at Thurston Woods Village in Sturgis.

She had moved to Colon in 1997 from Avilla, Ind. She w a member of Colon Baptist Church.

Mrs. Kellam had been employed at Wibles Department Store in Wolcottville, the United Telephone Co. in LaGrange and for many years at Brocks General Store in Avilla, all in Indiana.

She was born July 6, 1913, in Monon, Ind., to Frank E. and Louie B. (Stamp) Webb. She was a 1931 graduate of Topeka, Ind., High School and a 1933 graduate of International Business College in Fort Wayne, Ind.

On Jan. 16, 1935, in Wolcottville, she married William H. Kellam. He died Dec. 17, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Joe Ganger of Colon; two grandchildren, Brent Allan Cravens of Kazakhstan and Kris Anne Leonard of Shelbyville; and six great-grandchildren.

Services are at 11 a.m. Friday at Schipper Funeral Home, 308 S. Blackstone Ave., Colon, with the Rev. Robert N. Baxter and David J. Farrell officiating. Burial is at 1 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Colon Baptist Church or the United Methodist Missions Society.

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Lauren Shields

LIGONIER — Lauren K. Shields, 12, of Ligonier died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at her home following a battle with cancer.

Lauren Shields

Lauren was a lifetime Noble County resident. She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and involved in the church's youth group. She was a devoted Christian and her faith sustained her and her family throughout her ordeal. It was encouraging and inspiring to all who knew her that the Lord walked with her and she walked with the Lord.

She was involved in volleyball, bowling, the Kimmell softball league, Ligonier Rec Center basketball league and the Lakeland Youth Center basketball league. She was a member of PRIDE and an honorary basketball coach for the West Noble High School girls basketball teams.

She had received the Courage Award in 2003 from West Noble Middle School.

Lauren was born June 3, 1991, in Goshen to Dave and Lisa Shields. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a brother, Andrew Shields, at home; her paternal grandparents, Terry and Barbara Shields of Hartford City; her maternal grandparents, Elwood and Wilma June Lawson of Hartford City; her paternal great-grandmother, Betty Goodspeed of Syracuse; and her paternal great-great-grandmother, Laura Goodspeed of Zephyr Hills, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Vaughn Goodspeed.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stone's Hill Community Church with the Rev. Tim Terrell, the Rev. Chris Dare, the Rev. Lucinda Hamilton and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial is at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Noble County Community Foundation for a scholarship fund to be established in Lauren's memory.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Raymond Coney

KENDALLVILLE — Raymond Dale Coney, 79, of Kendallville, died Monday, January 12, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Mr. Coney was employed at Newnam Foundry for 20 years and retired from Lane Foundry in 1985 after 20 years of service.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the European Theater. He served from December 11, 1942, until December 10. 1945.

Mr. Coney was a member of the Kendallville Masonic Lodge.

He was born June 30. 1924, in Milford Township, LaGrange County, to Gaylord D. and Bernice Matilda (Bickel) Coney. He graduated from Salem Center High School in 1941. On March 21, 1942, he married Deloris Coleen Hewitt in LaGrange. She died December 15, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Carol Coney of Albion; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Sandy Fulk of Omaha, NE, Sharon Slaybaugh of Ligonier, Sonia and Terry Saddison of Sturgis, MI, and Twila and Dewey Kline of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Barbara Coney of LaGrange; two sisters, Violet Davis of Florida and Evelyn Murphy of LaGrange; 15 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, and great-grandson; and a sister, Rhetha O'Hara.

Services were held Friday, January, 16, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home with John Coney from Assumption Christian Church in Assumption, Il, officiating. Burial was in Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County with military graveside services by the Kendallville VFW and American Legion posts.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Emma Keim

HENDERSON, NEVADA – Emma Jane Keim, 88, died Tuesday Jan. 13, 2004.

Mrs. Keim a former resident of Ft. Wayne, IN, retired as a clerk from International Harvester in 1975.

She was a member of the Church of Latter Day Saints and World Wild Life Federation.

Mrs. Keim was born June 25, 1915 in South Whitley, In.

She married Daniel W. Keim. He died in 1969.

Surviving are two daughters, Diane Miller of Henderson, Nevada and Stephanie Schreiner of Albion; two sisters, Mary Koppenhafer of Thousand Oaks, California and Maxine Lydon of Fort Wayne, In.; a brother, Eberly Van Wey of Fort Wayne; four Grand-children and four great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren

She was preceded in death by a brother Donald VanWey and a grandson Michael Hall.

Services were at Elzey Patterson Rodak Home of Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial in Lindenwood cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Humane Society.

Jacquelyn Smolek

ALBION — Jacquelyn L. Smolek, 76, of Albion, died Wednesday, January 14, 2003, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born May 30, 1927, to Leonard and Ruth (Ashton) Summers in Green Center, Noble County.

On January 26, 1946, she married Arthur F. Smolek. He survives in Avilla.

Mrs. Smolek was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker. She enjoyed traveling and was an antique collector.

Also surviving is a daughter, Julie Neuhouser of Albion; three sons and daughters-in-law, Brook and Brenda Smolek, Brad and Jera Smolek, all of Albion, and Bart and April Smolek of Wawaka; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Wayne Hiatt of Texas.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Smolek was preceded in death by son Michael Smolek; and a brother, Tom Summers.

Services were held Saturday, January 17, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery in Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to The American Heart Association.

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John Marvel

CHURUBUSCO— John E. Marvel, 86, a resident of Churubusco, died Thursday, January 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in declining health for some time and had entered the hospital one week ago.

Mr. Marvel was born in Pierceton on August 7, 1917, a son of Bert Ernest and Minnie Wolf Marvel and spent much of his formative years in Whitley County and also in Indianapolis. As a young man, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving with the 152nd Infantry in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater, where he was awarded the prestigious Bronze Star on four different occasions.

He was formerly employed at the former Carey Cement Company in Churubusco and later worked at Dana Corporation. He retired as plant operator of Louisville Cement Company in Fort Wayne in 1980.

He was the past commander of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and had served in several district offices of the American Legion. He was also a member of Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846, Disabled American Veterans, and the 40 & 8 in Rome City.

His marriage to Rachel Elizabeth "Liz" (Campbell) Gilbert took place on November 17, 1979. She preceded him in death on January 21, 1998.

The surviving relatives include three daughters and one son-in-law, Irene Clingerman of Albion, and Patsy Dressler and Ruth and Richard Millikan, both of Churubusco; his sisters, Cora Mae Baker of Warsaw, and Rose Kammer of Fort Wayne; ten grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Sunday, January 18, 2004, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with Rev. Barry Faucett, pastor of New Hope Wesleyan Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam, with military honors by the U.S. Army military detail.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157.

Willis Matson Sr.

AVILLA – Willis James Matson Sr., 90, died Wednesday Jan. 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Matson was a farmer and owned Corunna Builders' Supplies from 1947 to 1960. He was a self-employed carpenter, retiring in 1972.

He was a World War II Amy veteran, earning the Purple Heart, two bronze stars and the combat infantry badge.

Mr. Matson was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp in Yellowstone National Park from 1932-1933. He built Hidden Valley Trailer Park and then owned and operated it.

He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and was a life member and past commander of the Kendallville and Waterloo posts of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born Jan. 23, 1913, in Franklin Township to Merritt A. and Ernie E. (Miller) Matson. They preceded him in death.

On Dec. 7, 1935, he married Doris Hagerty in Angola. She died June 14, 2000.

Surviving are three sons daughters-in-law, Lee Williams Matson and Elaine Matson of Avilla, Willis "James" Watson Jr. and Sharon Matson of Avilla and Larry Allen Matson and Kathy Matson of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ellen Marie and Raymond Lamb of Jamestown, Tenn., and Nancy Lou and Ronald Sowles of Albion; 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Dane A. Cupp, and three brothers, Edward, Robert and Lloyd Matson. Graveside services were conducted by the Waterloo VFW post at the Waterloo Cemetery. Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo were in charge.

Memorials are to the VFW Children's Home.

Condolences may be sent to

sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net

Mary Huelsenbeck

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Elizabeth Huelsenbeck, 83, of Kendallville, died Sunday, January 11, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Huelsenbeck worked for seven years as a bookkeeper for Kendallville Hardware on Main Street.

She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church for more than 50 years, where she taught Sunday school and served as treasurer for 35 years. She was a member of the Missionary Society and the Lutheran Church Women.

Mrs. Huelsenbeck was also a member of the Wittenberg University Board of Guilds in Springfield, Ohio. From 1960-62, she served as national president of the guild. She was a member of the Orange Township Home Extension Club and active on the Noble County Home Extension Board.

She was born April 19, 1920, in Orange Township to William Owen and Agnes (Rimmell) Hague. She was valedictorian of the Rome City High School class of 1938. On January 14, 1945, in Center Chapel Church in Noble County, she married Harold Huelsenbeck. He died June 14, 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Margaret Huelsenbeck of Davenport, Iowa; a son and daughter-in-law, Martin and Carol Huelsenbeck of Kendallville; a brother, Warren Hague of Richardson, Texas; and three grandchildren, Hans, Heidi and Karl Huelsenbeck, all of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, William, Owen and John Hague.

Services were held Wednesday, January 14, 2004, at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, near Rome City.

John Ford

ALBION – John T. "Jack" Ford, 87, died Monday Jan. 19, 2004, at Regency Place Nursing Home in Fort Wayne, In.

He was born in Canada to John and Mary (Carter) Ford. Both deceased.

Mr. Ford married Ruth Seibold on December 1, 1943 in Fort Wayne. She died on August 25, 2001. He retired from WKJG TV 33 in 1982 after 25 years.

His membership commitments were as follows: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion, IN., Indiana Volunteer Firemen's Association, and was a longtime legislative lobbyist for the IVFA, Board Secretary for over 30 years, IVFA, also served as president and vice president, Charter member of Washington Twp. Fire Dept and served as Fire Chief for several years. His hobbies included woodworking, leather working, traveling and loved being with his family. He was also awarded Sagamore of Wabash.

Surviving are three daughters, Judith (Wayne) Fox of Rome City, In., Phyllis (Thomas) Sweet of Fort Wayne, Rebecca (Steve) Tonkle of Albion; one brother Robert Ford of Canada, eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, two brothers, James Ford and an infant.

Visitation was at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with a Rosary service at 6:30 p.m. and an IVFA service at 7:00 p.m. Services were Thursday, January 22, at Blessed Sacrament Church at 11:00 a.m. Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Hugh Fulk Sr.

LAOTTO – Hugh E. Fulk Sr., 89, of LaOtto, died Sunday Jan, 18, 2004, at 12:10 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fulk was a veteran and a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for 14 years, serving in Korea and World War II. After leaving the Air Force, he owned the LaOtto Body Shop for 42 years. He had lived in LaOtto for 53 years. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto and a life member of the National Rifle Association.

He was born Feb. 5, 1914, in Churubusco to Willaim R. and Lucy (Summers) Fulk.

He married Marilynn Southern on June 21, 1941, in LaOtto. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Hugh and Linda Fulk Jr. of Wagoner, Okla. and David and Shirley Fulk of Kendallville; a sister Marion Harnish of Auburn; four grandsons, Matthew Fulk of Big Lake, Minn., and Duane, Jamie and Daniel Fulk of Wagoner, Okla.; a granddaughter, Brandy Teders of Avilla; and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Robert and Clifton.

Services were Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Susan Socha officiated. Burial was in Eel River Cemetery at Churubusco.

Memorials are to the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana. Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net

Ruth Creech

COLLINS — Ruth Ann Creech, 63, of Collins died at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health the past year.

Mrs. Creech retired in 1997 from Dana Weatherhead Division in Columbia City where she had been employed for 30 years. She was a member of Woodview Church of God in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 12, 1941, in Elkhart to John Stephen and Cora Mae (Fulkerson) Colpetzer. Her mother survives in Fort Wayne. She married her first husband, Kenneth Hyser Sr., on Dec. 23, 1957. He survives in Pierceton. She married her second husband, Roy Creech, on Jan. 27, 1972. He died Aug. 13, 2000.

Surviving are four sons and two daughter-in-laws, Terry Hyser and his companion, Myrna Petree, of Collins, Rodney Hyser and his companion, Torri Treace, of Big Lake, Kenny and Donna Hyser of Columbia City and Tim and Magda Hyser of Columbia City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Paul Weinberg of Collins and Teresa and Richard Earhart of Fort Wayne; a sister, Janet Treace of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Gerald "Jerry" Colpetzer and Barry Colpetzer, both of Fort Wayne; 16 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, a second husband, two brothers, a sister, a daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Steve Hildebrand of Woodview Church of God officiating. Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Rosemary G. Sparrow** were held Monday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Kevin Sneed officiating.

Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Charles Collins

MIDDLEBURY — Charles L. "Chuck" Collins, 67, of Middlebury died at 3 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital's emergency room.

Mr. Collins

Mr. Collins had worked as a civil engineer and for the past five years was road commissioner for Cass County, Mich. He had moved to Middlebury eight years ago from Kenosha, Wis.

He was born June 21, 1936, in Attleboro, Mass., to Charles L. and Evelyn (Hennessey) Collins. On Dec. 30, 1984, in Perrysburg, Ohio, he married Barbara Stressman-Bell. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Penny and Gary Sitler of Granville, Ohio, Tina Collins of Kenosha and presently serving in the military in Iraq, Pamela and John Tempski of Green Bay, Wis., and Amy and Eric Granata of Batavia, Ill.; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Tim and Chris Collins of Cleveland, Ohio, Rod Collins of Dallas, Texas, Derek Todd and Amy Bell of Brooklyn, N.Y., David and Jennifer Bell of Hicksville, Ohio, and Terry and Lisa Bell of Grand Haven, Mich.; a grandson he raised, Kenneth "K.C." Collins of Middlebury; a sister, Joyce Cooper of North Attleboro, Mass., a brother, Bill Collins of North Attleboro; and eight grandchildren.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Tom Montgomery officiating. Burial is in Rosedale Cemetery in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Calling is from 4-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to the Middlebury Museum or to First United Methodist Churc

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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‘Loving, Karing, Sharing’

Little girl’s life left mark on everyone

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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Lauren Shields
1994-2001

LIGONIER — The short but love-filled life of Lauren Shields will be celebrated in a funeral service on Saturday at Stone’s Hill Community Church in Ligonier.

Lauren died in her home Tuesday afternoon, surrounded by her family.

The West Noble community was in mourning this week after news spread of the death of Lauren, the 12-year-old sixth grader at West Noble Middle School whose battle with cancer over the past year touched the hearts of many.

Her prognosis was never positive after doctors discovered a tumor near her brain, but Lauren defied the odds. After a series of initial treatments at Riley’s Childrens Hospital in Indianapolis, she spent a long period of time at the St. Jude’s Childrens Research Hospital in Memphis.

Her battle was an inspiration to many and the community rallied around Lauren and her family. There were fund-raisers and prayer vigils that united the community as people of all ages and faith were inspired by her courage. Her mother, Lisa Shields, left her job as a bus driver for West Noble schools in order to be with her daughter during her struggle.

Lauren’s story left an emotional footprint on everyone at the middle school, according to Bill Anders, school principal, who noted that Lauren set an example for more than her classmates.

“She was also an inspiration to all of the adults that touched her life. She was extra courageous and she was upbeat, literally, to the end,” Anders said Wednesday morning. “She knew deep down inside her, she was going to a better place and had nothing to be afraid

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of. To see that inside her was awe inspiring."

Anders said school counselors Maxine Emmert and Janet Hutsell were helping students, teachers and staff deal with Lauren's death, and several local ministers and pastors were at the school today to talk to students and others. "A lot of kids just need someone to listen to," he said.

In dealing with the death of a child, reactions vary in intensity as well as time, he said. "We learn from experience that it may be three to four weeks down the road before it really sinks in to some of the kids," Anders said. "It's not always immediate and that's what we have to be sensitive to and ready for."

Following her treatments in the first half of 2003, which included surgery at St. Jude's, Lauren returned home and was able to lead a normal life as a middle school student, participating in sports and extra-curricular activities. Just a few weeks ago she was on the sidelines of a West Noble High School girls basketball game, serving as one of the team's honorary managers and helping the players and coaches.

At the West Noble boys basketball game Tuesday night, a moment of silence was observed before the game in honor of her memory.

Just before the holidays, Lauren was treated to a shopping spree at the Glenbrook mall in Fort Wayne and she made sure she shared her trip with her brother, Andrew, and other members of the family. The trip was arranged through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Her brother made the observation that his sister's initials, LKS, stood for 'Loving, Karing, Sharing.'

Everyone who knew Lauren was impressed with her faith in the Lord as she was always active at her church, Cromwell United Methodist Church.

In December of last year, her illness turned into an uphill battle and Lauren returned to St. Jude's for another series of treatments. But this time it was just too much for one little girl to fight and she was sent home by doctors.

In the last weeks of her life she continued to be comforted by friends and many of her teachers and others from the middle school visited Lauren in her home. Earlier this month, dozens of people, some who had never met Lauren, gathered in front of the Shields family home for a candlelight prayer vigil.

Inez Beach

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Inez Hobbs Beach, 90, of Montpelier died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, at the Dilworth Center of Community Hospital of Williams County in Montpelier.

Mrs. Beach was a registered nurse and had been employed for many years at the former William County General Hospital in Montpelier and had done private duty nursing for several years. She was a longtime volunteer nurse with the Red Cross bloodmobiles.

She was born Nov. 11, 1913, in Salt Lick, Ky., to Clifford and Mae (Pierce) Hobbs. She was a graduate of Cromwell High School in Cromwell, Ind., and Epworth Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in South Bend, Ind.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda L. Beach of Wooster, Ohio; a brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Ada Hobbs of Ligonier; a sister-in-law, Dorie Hobbs of Michigan City; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David A. Beach, on Aug. 17, 1982; and two brothers, Lester Hobbs and Arnold Hobbs.

Graveside services were Wednesday at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating.

There was no visitation.

Memorials are to Hospice of Community Hospital of Williams County, the American Heart Association or the donor's choice through the Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, 335 Empire St., Montpelier, Ohio 43543.

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Services for Lauren Shields are Saturday at Stone's Hill Community Church

LIGONIER — Lauren K. Shields, 12, of Ligonier died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, at her home following a battle with cancer.

Lauren

Lauren was a lifetime Noble County resident. She was a member of Cromwell United Methodist Church and involved in the church's youth group. She was a devoted Christian and her faith sustained her and her family throughout her ordeal. It was encouraging and inspiring to all who knew her that the Lord walked with her and she walked with the Lord.

She was involved in volleyball, bowling, the Kimmell softball league, Ligonier Rec Center basketball league and the Lakeland Youth Center basketball league. She was a member of PRIDE and an honorary basketball coach for the West Noble High School girls basketball teams.

She had received the Courage Award in 2003 from West Noble Middle School.

Lauren was born June 3, 1991, in Goshen to Dave and Lisa Shields. They survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a brother, Andrew Shields, at home; her paternal grandparents, Terry and Barbara Shields of Hartford City; her maternal grandparents, Elwood and Wilma June Lawson of Hartford City; her paternal great-grandmother, Betty Goodspeed of Syracuse; and her paternal great-great-grandmother, Laura Goodspeed of Zephyr Hills, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her great-grandfather, Vaughn Goodspeed.

Services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stone's Hill Community Church with the Rev. Tim Terrell, the Rev. Chris Dare, the Rev. Lucinda Hamilton and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial is at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Noble County Community Foundation for a scholarship fund to be established in Lauren's memory.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Majorie Shedd

GOSHEN — Majorie Joan Shedd, 61, 412 Crystal Valley Drive, Goshen, died at 2:05 p.m. Monday in her home. She was born December 24, 1942, in Goshen, to Alfred Lincoln and Marjorie Marie (Stouder) Keck.

She was employed at Meijer as a cashier and had also worked at the former Homestyle Cafe as a cook.

She is survived by her mother; a special friend; Robert Newbry, Middlebury; a daughter, Juanita (Erik) Leamon, Ligonier; a son, Robert (Valerie) Straw, Elkhart; two brothers, Alfred James Keck, Middlebury and Gary (Joyce) Keck, Olathe, Kan.; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father.

Funeral services were Friday January16 at the Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home in Goshen with the Rev. Mike Fisher of Grace Bible Church, Elkhart, officiating. Burial was in Union Center Cemetary in Nappannee.

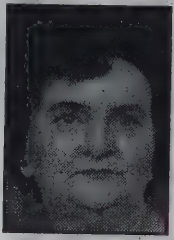
Memeorial conrtibutions may be directed to Hospice of Elkhart County, 2901 E. Bristol St., Suite C, Elkhart, IN 46514.

Madlean Coburn

LIGONIER — Madlean Coburn, 69, of Ligonier died at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Coburn had retired after 23 years of service to Dana Corp. in Churubusco as a custodian.

She attended Shiloh Baptist Church and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles.


Mrs. Coburn

She was born April 2, 1934, in Hippo, Ky., to Floyd and Sally (Reffitt) Shepherd. On Feb. 28, 1953, in Garrett, Ky., she married Glen Coburn. He died Oct. 21, 1990. Surviving are two daughters, Sharon Stoner of Cromwell and Cheri Hutto of Ligonier; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ron Coburn, Rick and Marty Coburn and Ray Coburn, all of Ligonier; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim "Curt" and Dora Shepherd and Eugene and Lorrain Shepherd, all of Kendallville, and Roger and Bessie Shepherd of Fort Wayne; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Patty and Floyd Davis of Hippo, Juanita and Cecil Crum of Bunner, Ky., Irene and Kenneth Castle of Blue River, Ky., and Dora and Kenneth Lazar of Prestonsburg, Ky.; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a grandson, Tony Coburn, and a sister, Jannie Handshoe.

Services were Saturday with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

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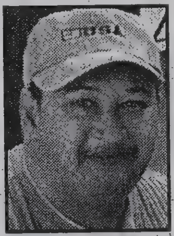
Keith Coney

KENDALLVILLE — Keith C. Coney, 41, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2004, at his residence.


Mr. Coney

He was a retired factory worker and had lived his entire life in LaGrange and Noble counties. He was a NASCAR fan and a fan of his nephew, who drives a race car for LA West Racing of LaGrange.

Surviving are his fiancee, Kelley Rumsey; his mother, Edith (Fuller) Coney of Ligonier; three daughters, Mistee Coney of Howe, Mindee Coney of Kendallville and Brandee Miller of Goshen; two sons, Jeremee Coney of Howe and Dustin Miller of Goshen; one sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Jeff Artecki of Kendallville; two brothers, Bradley Coney of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Jeffery Coney of Topeka; eight nephews and seven nieces.

Services were Tuesday at the Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. John Coney officiating. Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to his children.

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Juana Barajas

LAGRANGE — Juana Pina Barajas, 69, of LaGrange died at 12:49 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Barajas was born June 24, 1934, in Taimeo, Michoacan, Mexico, the daughter of Heulalio Pina and Maria Felicitas Barajas.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Martha Barajas of Mexico and Maria and Jose Garcia of LaGrange; a son, Artemio Garcia of Mexico; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange with Father Phil Ley officiating. Burial is in Taimeo Cemetery in Taimeo, Mexico.

Calling will be from 1-7 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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JANUARY 24 2004

Delores Stoffel

HUNTINGTON — Delores E. Stoffel, 89, of Huntington died at 3:55 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Norwood Nursing Center.

Mrs. Stoffel was the former co-owner of the LaFontaine Golf Club. She was a member of Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

She served as a Navy WAVE during World War II.

Mrs. Stoffel was born Aug. 22, 1914, in Huntington to Edward J. and Anna C. Karst. In November 1945 she married Robert J. Stoffel. He died Sept. 1, 1980.

Surviving are three sons, Norman Stoffel of Huntington, Glen Stoffel of Wabash and Darwin Stoffel of Warren; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carlin and William Richards of Huntington and Shari and Randy Hernly of West Virginia; two brothers, Hank Karst of Kendallville and Raymond Karst of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eilene Swoverland of Huntington, Helen Ludwig of Fort Wayne and Annette Morrow of Huntington; 14 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a son, Alan Stoffel, and two brothers, Eugene "Jake" Karst and Norbert Karst.

Services were held Dec. 31, 2003, at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church with Father Ron Rieder officiating. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church or the Gibault School in Terre Haute.

Services Held

LIGONIER — Services for **Madlean Coburn** were held at 10 a.m. Jan. 17 at Orr Funeral Home, with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Noble County.

Pallbearers were Robert Means, Travis Stoner, Justin and Ronnie Coburn Jr., Spencer Lash, Wayne Myers and Tommie Kuemmel.

THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA
JANUARY 25 2004

Mrs. Jackson had many qualities

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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PLEASANT LAKE — Kate Jackson said if she had to describe her mother, Peg, she would liken her to a trellis.

"You have a trellis out in your yard," she said thoughtfully. "Periodically, you might have to pack a little dirt around the bottom of the trellis, because it may start to lean from stress or pain.

"But always, there would be the beautiful sweet peas or other flowers growing up the trellis," Kate continued. "But there are also the other types of vines that start to grow up that trellis voluntarily. The flowers are like her family, and the other vines are the friends and the people she met along the way. Every time you turned around, someone was attaching themselves to that trellis."

Margaret M. "Peg" Jackson, 69, died Sunday, Jan. 18, 2004, at home. She had been sick with cancer since she was 28 years old.

"She was terminal," remembered Kate, who was 8 years old when her mother was diagnosed. "They gave her three months to live."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Mrs. Jackson as she portrayed Mrs. Santa Claus for years in Steuben County.

So strong-willed was Peg Jackson, her daughter said, that she picked out a new wife for her husband to marry after she passed.

"It was a neighbor girl, and I still don't know that she knows what the plan was," Kate said with a smile in her voice. "But we all knew what Mom was up to. She wanted someone who would love my dad and love John (her son) and I."

That girl is still a neighbor, Kate said, as well as a close family friend.

Kate said her mother often lamented that she just wanted to live long enough to raise her children.

"And she did," Kate said. "She also lived long enough to love and nurture her grandchildren."

Her own bout with the illness made Mrs. Jackson want to reach out to others with the same affliction, Kate said.

"She was very involved with cancer patients," Kate said. "Mostly just as an encourager. She would find out that someone had cancer, and she would just send them a letter. She always wanted it known that she cared."

She married Robert D. Jackson on July 28, 1950, and he preceded her in death on April 10, 2002. She was an inspector at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 28 years. She was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church. She was an honorary member of the Hamilton Lions, and played Mrs. Santa in Steuben County from 1975 to 2003.

The cancer finally began really taking a toll on Mrs. Jackson about two years ago.

"She just started to break down," Kate said. "We started home health care for her at Thanksgiving."

Mrs. Jackson lapsed into a coma two days after Thanksgiving, but, with the help of her family, came out of it. A week after Christmas, Kate said, the family called in hospice workers.

One thing Kate will always remember about her mother, she said, is what she brought out in people.

"She started seeing this new internist last May," she said. "This was a doctor from New York.

"Mom started talking to this doctor about how to make her son stop going to the bathroom in his pants," she continued, chuckling. "And apparently, it worked. The last time Mom saw that doctor, she just put her arms around her and treated her with hugs and kisses."

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JANUARY 25 2004

Larry Parsons

ALBION — Larry Patrick Parsons, 51, of Albion, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Parsons was a finisher for Silgan Plastic in Ligonier. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post.

He was born March 13, 1952, in Wolf Lake to Patrick and Geneva (Durham) Parsons.

Surviving are a daughter, Crystal Helton of Georgia; a son, Dennis Patrick Parsons of Marion; four grandchildren, Jordon and Tanner Helton, Aarron Ray Hartley and Cammie Marie Godbey; two sisters, Fran Blevins of Kendallville and Wanda Blevins of Albion; two brothers, Gene Parsons of Elkhart and Terry Parsons of Goshen; and a companion, Mary Godbey of Albion.

His parents and a brother, Robert Parsons, preceded him in death.

Full military graveside services performed by Ligonier American Legion Post are at 2 p.m., Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate.

Burial is in Rose Hill Cemetery.

There is no calling.

Brazzell Funeral Home, 209 E. Main St., Albion, is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Dirrim

ANGOLA — Gladys Dirrim, 86, of Angola, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Dirrim attended Flint United Methodist Church. She sang in and led several choirs.

She was born March 25, 1917, in Morgan County, Ky., to George and Lizzie (Bryant) Halsey.

Surviving are a son, Harold Eugene Dirrim of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Brad Dirrim and Kathy Quick; seven great-grandchildren; and five great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold H. Dirrim, in 1964; four sisters, Blanche Delancy, Lula France Conner, Sarah Penrod and Marybelle Rose Werts; and six brothers, Leonard, Earl, Ted, Harmie, Earnie and Ray Halsey.

Private family services are at a later date.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Private visitation wil be held for the family.

Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Hudson

KENDALVILLE — Ronald L. Hudson, 57, died Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at the Parkview-Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He previously worked as a manager of the Strand Movie Theater in Kendallville, of which his parents were the former owners.

Mr. Hudson was born Aug. 27, 1946, to Robert and Juanita J. Hudson.

There are no services or visitation.

Burial will be at a later date in Earlham Cemetery in Richmond.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, is in charge of the arrangements.

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Noah Gingerich

TOPEKA — Noah Gingerich, 87, of Topeka died at 6 p.m. Sunday at Wengerd Home Care in Shipshewana.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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JANUARY 27 2004

Sir Charles Kingsley

FORT WAYNE — Sir Charles F. Kingsley, 86, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Michigan City, died Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Kingsley had retired in 1995 as a Realtor with Coldwell Banker in Michigan City. He had served as a pilot in the Air Force during World War II and was knighted by the Prince Regent of Belgium for bravery.

He was a member of Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and American Legion Post 37 in Michigan City where he had been commander. He had been Indiana 3rd District American Legion Commander and Past Indiana State Department sergeant of arms.

He was born May 19, 1917, in Detroit, Mich., to Joseph and Florence Kingsley.

Surviving are his wife, Violet M. Kingsley; four daughters, Kathy Lewis of Kendallville, Karen Rudnick of St. Louis, Mo., Colleen Howe of Michigan City and Kristy Jo Showerman of Flint, Mich.; two stepdaughters, Maryanne Hawkins and Denise Kennedy, both of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Paul Nicholls of Fort Wayne and John Nicholls of North Augusta, S.C.; two sisters, Ceal Lundy of Detroit and Pat Kingsley of Houghton Lake, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Jean, in 1993; and two sisters, Catherine Gawne and Jean Kingsley.

There are no public services planned.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home. Burial will be in Swan Lake Cemetery in Michigan City.

Memorials are to the Alzheimers Foundation or the American Legion Scholarship Fund.

Noah Gingerich

TOPEKA — Noah J. Gingerich, 87, of Topeka died at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, 2004, at Wengerd's Home Care in Shipshewana. He had been in declining health for six months.

He had been a blacksmith for more than 50 years. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Gingerich was born May 12, 1916, in Dodge City, Kan., to Jonas and Ida (Miller) Gingerich. On Nov. 3, 1938, in LaGrange County, he married Mattie E. Miller. She died March 30, 2000.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Polly and Alvin J. Miller of Millersburg and Clara and Raymond Slabaugh of Waxahachie, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at his home, 428 W. Lake St., Topeka, with Bishop Marlin Fry and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Hawpatch Cemetery of Topeka.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at his home.

Monroe DePew

LIGONIER — Monroe "Tony" DePew of Ligonier died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004.

Services pending at Orr Funeral Home.

Chester Green

CHURUBUSCO — Chester Green, 92, of Churubusco died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Green has been a farmer in Eel River Township his entire life.

He was a member of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Eel River Fish and Game Club, the Farm Bureau and was a director of the Allen County Farmers Mutual Insurance Co.

He was born July 8, 1911, in Noble County to Amil N. and Lulu M. Green.

He married Savilla "Sally" Johnson on March 23, 1934, in Columbia City. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Gayle and Kyle Marshall of Churubusco; a sister, Ruth Cox of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard "Jim" Green and Charles Green, and a sister, Florence Blessing.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Victor Newman

KENDALLVILLE — Victor L. Newman, 66, of Kendallville died at 7:53 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA
JANUARY 27 2004

Ilah Palmer

COLUMBIA CITY — Ilah M. Palmer, 93, of Columbia City died at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at The Oaks in Columbia City following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Palmer

She graduated from Clear Creek High School, attended Manchester College and graduated from Indiana Central College in Indianapolis. Mrs. Palmer had been a teacher in Lapez and in Whitley County, and in later life had been a nurses' aide at the former Linvill Clinic and at Whitley County Memorial Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Palmer was a member of Collins United Methodist Church, the United Methodist Women, and had attended Churubusco Church of the Nazarene. She was also a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed crocheting, making quilts, gardening, watching IU basketball and spending time with her family.

She was born Oct. 1, 1910, in Huntington County to Perry and Leota (Emily) Warner. On Jan. 27, 1940, in Muncie she married Ray E. Palmer. He died April 16, 1974.

Surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Sharon and George Waltenburg of Richmond, Ruth and Kenneth Hoffman of Columbia City, Rosemary and Bill Kincaid of Columbia City, and Jane and Jack Craig of Columbia City; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Karl and Brenda Palmer of Columbia City, James and Darlene Palmer of Columbia City, and Ralph Palmer of Columbia City; 18 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Fred Palmer; two brothers, Frank Warner and Robert Warner; a sister, Anna Shearer; a granddaughter, Deborah Hoffman Hall; and two great-grandchildren, Ashley Marie Weikart and James Kenneth Hoffman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Revs. Paul White and Robert Priest officiating. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery Annex, Columbia City.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Passages Inc. in Columbia City.

James Kohne

HOAGLAND — James G. Kohne, 79, of Hoagland died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kohne had retired in 2001 after 17 years of service with Kelly's Furniture Service. He was part owner of Gebert & Kohne Contractors.

Mr. Kohne was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hessen Cassel and Knights of Columbus Council 864 in Decatur.

He was born July 31, 1924, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen L. Kohne of Hoagland; two daughters and sons-in-law, Louisa A. "Weeze" and Jeff Zimmerman of Decatur and Shawn E. and Tony DeVido of Hoagland; a son and daughter-in-law, Kelly E. and Lisa Kohne of Adams Lake; two sisters, Rosemarie Eller and Theresa McBarnes, both of Decatur; a brother, Joseph Kohne of Monroe; nine grandchildren, Scott Zimmerman and his wife Amy, Chris Zimmerman and his wife Michelle, Wendy Zimmerman, Brittni, Lexi and Haleigh DeVido, and Kyle, Jason and Joshua Kohne; and two great-grandchildren, Alyssa and Dalton.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul; and a sister, Betty Zent.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Hessen Cassel. A prayer service will be at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Church Cemetery in Hessen Cassel.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church or School.

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Jack Whitford

KENDALLVILLE — Jack E. Whitford, 79, of Kendallville died at noon Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at his home.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Whitford had been a service technician for Hossinger Refrigeration in Kendallville.

Mr. Whitford

He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a life member of VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, a life member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus 7839 in Kendallville.

He was born May 12, 1924, in Kendallville to Robert and Gladys (Turney) Whitford. On July 14, 1946, in Ashland, Mass., he married Gertrude M. "Trudy" Plourde. She died Sept. 19, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Anne M. and David Balbaugh of Rome City; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Scott A. and Terry Whitford of Sterling Heights, Mich., and Daniel E. Whitford of Riverside, Calif.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Virginia "Gini" and Richard Yanuszeski of Kendallville and Pat Gilliland of Garrett; seven grandchildren, Devon Balbaugh, Philip Pankop, Christopher Whitford, Matthew Whitford, Jennifer Whitford, Ernest Whitford and Hannah Risser; and one great-grandson.

Also preceding him in death were a daughter, Patricia Risser in 1998; a granddaughter, Jessica Pankop in 1986; and a sister, Roberta "Bobby" Hile.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery near Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church maintenance fund.

Richard Walters

ALBION — Richard E. Walters, 79, of Albion died at 10:09 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walters had retired in 1992 from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne where he had been employed for 41 years.

He was born Jan. 3, 1925, to Lloyd and Hazel (Fosnaugh) Walters.

Several nieces and nephews survive.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elva L. Walters, on Nov. 1, 2002.

There are no services or calling.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Ober

LAOTTO — Ruby A. Ober, 90, of rural LaOtto, died Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville.

A homemaker, she had lived on her husband's family farm in rural LaOtto since 1949.

She was born Jan. 19, 1914, in Alma, Mich., to David and Lillian (Crum) Hannafius.

She married Ralph T. Ober on Aug. 23, 1952, in Angola. He died Jan. 31, 1989.

Surviving are a daughter, Barbara LaCross of LaOtto; two daughters-in-law, Kathryn LaCross of LaOtto and Diana LaCross of Dryden, Mich.; a stepdaughter-in-law, Virginia Ober of Heartland, Mich.; a sister, Filena McKee of Alma, Mich.; a granddaughter, Eileen Marks of Garrett; two stepgranddaughters and their husbands, Rhonda and Gary Isham of Garrett and Lori and Bill Beverly, also of Garrett; a stepgrandson, Jim Murray of Cleveland; a sister-in-law, Adeline Hannafius of Oklahoma; two great-granddaughters, one great-grandson, one stepgreat-grandson, three step-greatgranddaughters and four great-great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons, William LaCross in 2001 and Robert LaCross in 1997, a stepson, Ralph Ober Jr., and a brother, William Hannafius.

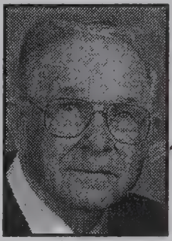
Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Joel Stanley will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery northwest of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Monroe DePew

LIGONIER — Monroe L. "Tony" DePew, 86, of Ligonier died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Avalon Nursing Home.



Mr. DePew

Mr. DePew had worked in the appliance business and operated the Cities Service bulk plant and service station in Ligonier. He also operated DePew Plumbing, Heating and Electrical in Ligonier until his retirement in 1981.

He and his wife, Irene, spent the winter months in Largo, Fla., from 1977 until 1997. He and his family donated their time and talents in the construction of Ligonier United Methodist Church. He was a lifetime member of the Ligonier Lions Club.

He was born Feb. 11, 1918, in LaGrange County to Burr and Ida Mae (Schultz) DePew. On April 12, 1940, in Brighton, he married Irene Myers. She died in 1998 after 58 years of marriage. On July 11, 1999, he married Wiladean Franks. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Peg DePew of Syracuse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Howard Brown of Sarasota, Fla., and Diane and Gary Badorek of Plano, Texas; a stepdaughter and her husband, Pat and Bob Jones of Fort Wayne; a stepson and his wife, Gary and Sue Franks of Bowling Green, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a daughter, Suzanne Lynn Coy, in 1987.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jean Ness and the Rev. Michael Heinbagh officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Orr Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Victor Newman

KENDALLVILLE — Victor L. Newman, 66, of Kendallville died at 7:53 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital where he had been a patient since Sunday.

Mr. Newman had lived at Shepherd of the Hill and Your Friends & Neighbors in Avilla.

He had been employed in the wood shop at Noble County Foundations in Albion. He was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Mr. Newman enjoyed his job and church activities.

A lifetime Noble County resident, he was born July 17, 1937, in Kendallville to Ellsworth and Luella (Poppy) Newman.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Max E. and June Newman of Kendallville; four nieces; and a nephew.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County Foundations or the Immanuel Lutheran Church organ fund.

Larry Parsons

ALBION – Larry Patrick Parsons, 51, of Albion, died Saturday, January 24, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

He was born March 13, 1952, in Wolf Lake to Patrick and Geneva (Durham) Parsons.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he was a finisher for Silgan Plastic in Ligonier. He was a member of the Ligonier American Post and a U.S. Navy veteran.

Surviving are a daughter, Crystal Helton of Georgia; a son, Dennis Patrick Parsons of Marion, IN; four grandchildren, Jordon and Tanner Helton, Aarron Ray Hartley, and Cammie Marie Godbey; two sisters, Fran Blevins of Kendallville, and Wanda Blevins of Albion; and two brothers, Gene Parsons of Elkhart, and Terry Parsons of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Parsons; and also a companion, Mary Godbey of Albion.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion, with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiating. Full military graveside services were provided by Ligonier American Legion Post, and Brazzell Funeral Home of Albion was in charge of the arrangements.

Thank you for all of you who have supported Vicki during her illness. Your acts of kindness made a difference in our lives and will always be remembered. May all the blessings you've given us be returned.

Sincerely,
The Family of Vicki Anderson

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Francis Ernst

KENDALLVILLE — Kendallville businessman Francis Albert "Frank" Ernst, 72, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, following a long illness.

Mr. Ernst had worked as a meat cutter, a milk delivery man and business owner. He and his wife had operated the Dog and Suds restaurant in Coldwater, Mich., and the Dairy Treat. They entered the shoe business in 1980 and operated shoe stores in Coldwater, Auburn and Kendallville. They currently operate the Taylor Shoe Store on South Main Street in Kendallville.

Mr. Ernst

They had moved to Kendallville from Coldwater in 1993.

He was a graduate of St. Johns High School in Delphos, Ohio, an Army veteran of the Korean War and active in the Catholic church.

Mr. Ernst enjoyed bowling, playing card games, square dancing, playing bingo and spending time with his family.

He was born May 11, 1931, in Landeck, Ohio, to Henry and Johanna (Baumgarte) Ernst. On Feb. 27, 1954, in Coldwater, he married Dorothy Jean Chatfield. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Susan Ernst of Adrian, Mich., Francis "Skip" and Karen Ernst of Jackson, Mich., and Richard and Debra Ernst of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and John Roberts of Tekonsha, Mich., and Mary and Corwyn Kuipers of Kentwood, Mich.; two brothers, Jerome Ernst of Van Wert, Ohio, and Carl Ernst of Illinois; three sisters, Colletta Dray and Eileen Wilcox, both of Delphos, Ohio, and Annabelle Saum of Fort Jennings, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, David, in 1998; and five brothers, Albert, Eugene, Paul, Sylvester and Arthur.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Charles Catholic Church in Coldwater with the Rev. Brian Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2:30-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Doris Mobley

HOWE — Doris Mobley, 71, of Howe died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Grace Fercho

LAGRANGE — Grace L. Fercho, 67, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 19, 2004, in Chico, Calif.

Mrs. Fercho had moved to Sacramento, Calif., from LaGrange County in 1958 and retired from employment with the State of California. She moved back to LaGrange County in 1989.

She was born Feb. 28, 1936, in LaGrange County to Otto and Marie (Smith) Willms. On July 6, 1957, she married Vernon Fercho. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Denise and Robert Scott of Paradise, Calif.; three sisters, Eloise Cavanaugh of Michigan City, Marcia Winchester of Indianapolis and Linda Eaton of Orland; a grandson and his wife, Timothy and Heather Scott of Paradise; a granddaughter, Cassidy Scott of Paradise; and a great-granddaughter, Kaylee Scott of Paradise.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and two brothers.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brighton Chapel in Brighton with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating.

There will be no visitation.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Maxine Kilgore

WOLF LAKE — Maxine L. Kilgore, 79, formerly of Wolf Lake, died at 9:27 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Kilgore was a homemaker and had been employed for five years at Victor Gasket Co. in Churubusco and 11 years at Hetrick Manufacturing in Goshen.

She was born June 28, 1924, in Niles, Mich., to Ullin H. and Grace P. (Price) Cart. On June 28, 1945, at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, she married John C. Kilgore. He died May 13, 1999.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Colette Kilgore of Wolf Lake and Larry Kilgore of Bear Lake in Noble County; a daughter, Beverly Ann Pressler of Redkey; a brother, Harold Cart of Goshen; and three sisters, Kathleen Leitch of Georgia, Shirley Espanda of Goshen and Helen Smith of Elkhart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Stringtown Cemetery in Washington Township, Noble County.

Calling will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

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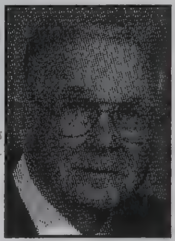
Services are Friday for Monroe 'Tony' DePew

LIGONIER — Funeral services are Friday for Monroe L. "Tony" DePew, whose successful business career spanned several decades in the Ligonier area.

DePew, 86, of Ligonier died Monday at the Avalon Nursing Home.


Mr. DePew

Mr. DePew enjoyed a tremendous reputation as a civic leader, savvy business owner and family man.

Mr. DePew had worked in the appliance business and operated the Cities Service bulk plant and service station in Ligonier. He also founded and operated DePew Plumbing, Heating and Electrical in Ligonier until his retirement in 1981.

He and his wife, Irene, spent the winter months in Largo, Fla., from 1977 until 1997. He and his family donated their time and talents in the construction of Ligonier United Methodist Church. He was a lifetime member of the Ligonier Lions Club.

He was born Feb. 11, 1918, in LaGrange County to Burr and Ida Mae (Schultz) DePew. On April 12, 1940, in Brighton, he married Irene Myers. She died in 1998 after 58 years of marriage.

In 1945, Tony and Irene moved to Topeka where they went into the appliance business with Irene's uncle, William Anders. Later, they moved to West Third St. in Ligonier, and purchased the Cities Service business on the north edge of the city. Joe Stump delivered gas for the company for many years.

In 1951, Tony bought the former Brown Funeral Home building in downtown Ligonier and remodeled it to start his own business, DePew Plumbing, Heating and Electrical.

In 1954, the present building for DePew Plumbing, Heating and Electrical was built on Lincolnway South. Just before school opened that year, Tony and Irene's only son, Larry, entertained his 8th grade class in the new building before any plumbing fixtures were installed.

Tony and Irene operated the business until 1981 when Larry purchased the family business. They started spending their winters in Florida in 1977.

On July 11, 1999, Tony married Wiladean Franks. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Peg DePew of Syracuse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce and Howard Brown of Sarasota, Fla., and Diane and Gary Badorek of Plano, Texas; a stepdaughter and her husband, Pat and Bob Jones of Fort Wayne; a stepson and his wife, Gary and Sue Franks of Bowling Green, Ohio; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six stepgrandchildren; and 12 stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a daughter, Suzanne Lynn Coy, in 1987.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jean Ness and the Rev. Michael Heinbagh officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the church.

Orr Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Larry Parsons

ALBION — Larry Patrick Parsons, 51, of Albion, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Parsons was a finisher for Silgan Plastic in Ligonier. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Ligonier American Legion Post.

He was born March 13, 1952, in Wolf Lake to Patrick and Geneva (Durham) Parsons.

Surviving are a daughter, Crystal Helton of Georgia; a son, Dennis Patrick Parsons of Marion; four grandchildren, Jordon and Tanner Helton, Aarron Ray Hartley and Cammie Marie Godbey; two sisters, Fran Blevins of Kendallville and Wanda Blevins of Albion; two brothers, Gene Parsons of Elkhart and Terry Parsons of Goshen; and a companion, Mary Godbey of Albion.

His parents and a brother, Robert Parsons, preceded him in death.

Full military graveside services were performed by West Noble American Legion Post Tuesday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh officiated.

Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

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Ella Miller

STURGIS, Mich. — Ella Joan Miller, 63, of Sturgis died at 2:37 p.m. Thursday at her home.

Mrs. Miller had been a homemaker and had worked in the cafeteria for the White Pigeon Community School system.

Mrs. Miller

She was an active member of Sturgis Evangelical Church and had volunteered at Sturgis Hospital.

She was born Sept. 6, 1940, in Kendallville, Ind., the daughter of William and Anna (Petersheim) Miller. On June 18, 1960, in Goshen she married Lamar Miller. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Jason Strom of Sarasota, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Cindy Miller of Vicksburg; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Martha Metzger of Goshen, Barbara and Allen Sharick of Shipshewana and Dora and Larry Zook of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Edgar and Phyllis Miller of White Pigeon and Ira and Carol Miller of Wolcottville; and seven granddaughters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Rodger Moyer officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Sturgis Evangelical Church in Sturgis.

Memorials are to Hospice of Sturgis or Sturgis Evangelical Church.

Audrey Wappes

ALBION — Audrey Wappes, 91, of Albion died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at Shephard of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel.

Doris Mobley

LAGRANGE — Doris L. Mobley, 71, of LaGrange died at 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mobley

Mrs. Mobley was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a homemaker. She was a member of the English Prairie Church of the Brethren.

She was born Aug. 9, 1932, in LaGrange County the daughter of Beatrice Lytle. On Oct. 20, 1948, she married Virgil L. Mobley. He is deceased.

Surviving are four sons, Jeffrey Mobley of Howe, Steven Mobley and Ronald Mobley, both of LaGrange, and Gregory Mobley of Alberton, Ga.; two stepsons, David McClellan of California and Mickey McClellan of Texas; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Mobley, and a grandson, Nathad Sizemore.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. William Stewart. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery, Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to English Prairie Church of the Brethren.

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Former educator Glen Longenbaugh dies at 84

WINONA LAKE — Glen Longenbaugh, 84, of Winona Lake, a former principal in Ligonier and former superintendent of West Noble School Corp., died at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Grace Village Retirement Center, Winona Lake.

Mr. Longenbaugh

The 14-year resident of Kosciusko County was a teacher, athletic director, principal and administrator in the public schools.

Mr. Longenbaugh graduated from Huntington College in 1942, and obtained his master's degree from Indiana University. He was selected as a member of the Huntington College

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Athletic Hall of Fame, and was a member of the Ligonier Lions Club and Morris Chapel United Methodist Church, Pierceton.

He taught school in Lansing, Ill., was the athletic director and basketball coach at Huntington College, principal at Washington Center School in Whitley County, principal at Ligonier High School and superintendent of West Noble School Corp., retiring in 1980.

One man with many fond memories of working for and with Mr. Longenbaugh is Roger Schermerhorn, who retired in 2001 after nearly 40 years with West Noble School Corp.

"He was a friend to education," Schermerhorn said of Longenbaugh when contacted Friday night. He was in Atlanta on vacation when he heard the news of Longenbaugh's passing. "I enjoyed working with Glen for many years. He made education his life."

Longenbaugh was superintendent of West Noble schools when Schermerhorn was promoted to the job of principal at West Noble High School in January 1973.

"I was grateful for the opportunity Glen and the school board gave me, as well as for the chance to work for him," Schermerhorn said.

Schermerhorn said Longenbaugh's legacy will include the work he did, along with the late Lloyd Ness, in coming up with design and oversight for construction of the current West Noble High School building in the early 1970s.

Born on Dec. 17, 1919, in Oakley, Ill., he was the son of the Rev. I. Earl and Iva Mary (Buckley) Longenbaugh. On Aug. 23, 1943, he married Geneva G. Stucker. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Lowell Dean Longenbaugh of Columbia City; a daughter, Glenda Kay Steward of Sunfield, Mich.; two brothers, William Longenbaugh of Columbia City and Floyd Longenbaugh of Elkhart; a sister, Esther Lozier of Decatur, Mich.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with Keith Porter, Diana Siegal and Ralph Burns officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Calling will be from 5 to 7 p.m. today, and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Huntington College Athletic Department, 2303 College Ave., Huntington, IN 46750.

Audrey Wappes

ALBION — Audrey L. Wappes, 91, of Albion, died at 10:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

On March 19, 1912, she was born in Stryker, Ohio, to John and Lillian (Wysong) Gloy. She married Archie Wappes on March 28, 1930. He preceded her in death on July 17, 1967.

Mrs. Wappes had lived in Albion since 1947. The last two years she lived with her daughter, and before that she lived in Fort Wayne.

She worked at Haffner Dime Store in Albion for several years, and was a member of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Albion.

Surviving are a daughter, Colleen Wilson of Albion; six grandchildren, Deb Freeman, Randy Wilson, Cheri Sibert, Kathy Marzion, Wayne Wappes and Donna Wappes; 15 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Don Wappes, and two sisters, Genevierie Tarlton and Florance Baker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the 1st Presbyterian Church, Albion.

Todd Bowers

WARREN — Todd Allen Bowers, 37, of Warren died at 6:50 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Bowers had been employed at W.A. Zimmer in Huntington for eight years.

He was a 1985 graduate of Huntington North High School and a member of Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Oct. 8, 1966, in Huntington to Harold S. and Jacqueline E. (Yoder) Bowers. His father is deceased and his mother resides in Huntington. On Aug. 19, 1989, in Warren, he married Brenda Slusher. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeremy Bowers of Warren; a daughter, Angelica Bowers of Warren; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Gary and Betty Yoder of Andrews, Greg and Carolyn Yoder of Andrews, Mike and Wendy Yoder of Wolcottville, and Kevin Yoder, and Brian and Sandy Yoder, all of Huntington; a sister, Vicki Thornsbury of Huntington; his father- and mother-in-law, Don and Janet Slusher of Warren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown & Son Chapel in Warren with Pastor Bill Keen officiating. Burial will be in Star of Hope at Huntington.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 1-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Bowers Childrens Trust, c/o State Bank of Markle, 108 Morse St., Markle, IN 46770.

Roger Minnix

AUBURN — Roger D. Minnix, 49, died Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

A native of Bucyrus, Ohio, he was a 1972 graduate of Eastside High School in Butler.

Surviving are a son, Cameron Minnix of Angola; three daughters, Lindsay Minnix of Hamilton, Ariel Minnix of Butler and Jubal Minnix of Ohio; his mother, Hazel Hicks of Auburn; three brothers, James Minnix of Fremont, Roy Minnix of Huntertown and Robert Minnix of Auburn; and a sister, Linda Kees of Auburn.

Preceding him in death were his father, Joe Minnix; one brother, Raymond Minnix; and a sister, Mary Smith.

A memorial service will be Saturday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. in the Serenity House barn on C.R. 50 south of Auburn. The Rev. Thad Smith will officiate.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to grokman@internetonly.net.

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JANUARY 31 2004

Amy Lynn Barrias
Rebecca Lynn Barrias

LIGONIER — Amy Lynn Barrias and Rebecca Lynn Barrias of Ligonier were stillborn Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, in Goshen Hospital, Goshen.

Surviving are their parents, Asimial Barrias and Sara Flores, both of Ligonier; two brothers, James Mathias Charles and Brian Fernando Flores, both of Ligonier; a sister, Rosamarie Reyes Charles of Ligonier; grandparents, Elmer and Rosemary Charles of Ligonier; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Mike Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert Sible

CHURUBUSCO — Robert W. Sible, 88, of rural Churubusco in Eel River Township, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at his residence.

Among survivors are a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Leroy Schaefer of Fort Wayne, and a son David L. Sible, of Churubusco.

Services are pending with Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Jacob Coble

AUBURN — Jacob Andrew Coble was stillborn Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, at 1:32 a.m. in Lutheran Hospital at Fort Wayne.

He was the son of Kyle A. and Arianne (Vondreau) Coble of Auburn. They survive.

Also surviving are maternal grandparents Patricia and Gary Powell of Churubusco and Glenn and Sharon Vondreau of Fort Wayne; paternal grandparents Dan and Marlene Coble of Angola; and great-grandparents Ruth Ryan of Churubusco, Charles and Marvel Powell of Fort Wayne and Max and Mabel Coble of Wabash.

Private family services will be held Monday in the chapel at Concordia Cemetery Gardens in Fort Wayne. The Rev. Robert A. Bruckner, pastor of St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, will officiate.

There will be no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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Mr. Schott lived a life full of love

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — "The man was never satisfied, never still."

Those words were spoken by the Rev. Ann Marshall as she eulogized Robert T. Schott, 92, who died Nov. 10, 2003, at Shepherd of the Hill.

Indeed, Mr. Schott was a man of many accomplishments and many loves.

His first love was aviation. He built an airport for his model airplanes in the back yard of his Fort Wayne home when he was only 8 years old, a mere 13 years after the first successful flight of an airplane by the Wright brothers, and took his first flying lesson when he was 18. He would go on to be the first aviation editor for the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel (an unpaid position) and host the first weekly aviation radio program in the nation on WOWO radio.

Later, he managed Smith Municipal Airport before moving to Cleveland and the Conover-Mast Corp., where he would be advertising manager for Aviation Age magazine.

In 1954, Mr. Schott moved to LaGrange, where he purchased the Appliance & Service Center. He got a Realtor's license in 1958 and would later start his own real estate school.

But Mr. Schott was much more than professional accomplishments, said his wife of 26 years, Nettie.

"He loved to help people and he wanted to help make the world a better place," Mrs. Schott said.

He donated land for the construction of a new Mount Zion Lutheran Church north of LaGrange, and for 20 years paid for the operation of the Dial-A-Prayer telephone service in LaGrange.

Mr. Schott underwrote the cost of the construction of the wood entry to the LaGrange County 4-H Fair Grounds, and purchased carillons for the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church near Albion, which he attended after the Schotts moved to Kendallville.

Himself an Eagle Scout, Mr. Schott was awarded the Silver Beaver for distinguished service by the Boy Scouts of America in 1965. In 1976, he was named the LaGrange Citizen of the Year.

One of his final contributions was donating aviation memorabilia collected over his lifetime to what is now the Greater Fort Wayne Aviation Museum at Fort Wayne International Airport.

Mr. Schott's lifetime achievements are chronicled in "Copy Boy," a self-published book completed when he was 83 years old.

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Robert Schott, left, talks aviation safety with Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, president of Eastern Air Lines, at an aviation safety meeting in Cleveland in 1953.

"As I read the book, I found myself exhausted by Bob's life," said Marshall. "He actually created work for himself ... it wasn't enough to be a copy boy, he had to write a column on flying; it wasn't enough to manage the airport, he had to put on air shows; it wasn't enough to be a Realtor, he had to teach others," Marshall noted.

"Bob also understood that God had blessed him with so many gifts and opportunities," she said. "He thanked God for the blessings he had received, and spent a lifetime finding new and creative ways to share those blessings with others."

Mrs. Schott said her husband always would respond to the question, "How are you?" with a chipper response: "I'm top of the pile."

"That is how he always saw himself," Mrs. Schott said.

She said she misses her husband's prayers.

"He had a wonderful voice, and it wasn't unusual for him to be called upon for a prayer at church or at a meeting someplace," she said. "He was loud, and you could understand what he said."

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Mrs. Hagerty ‘always left an impression’

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Beverly Hagerty of Hamilton died Wednesday, Jan. 28, at her home. She had been ill since summer.

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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HAMILTON — Beverly Hagerty was the kind of person people were just drawn to, her oldest granddaughter, Nicki Hull, said.

“She was very vibrant and charming,” Nicki said. “She was always wonderful in a social setting. She had a way of lighting up a room.”

Mrs. Hagerty, 71, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, at her home in Hamilton. She had been ill since summer with mesothelioma, a form of lung cancer.

In July of 2002, Mrs. Hagerty took 14 of her family members — including children, grandchildren and their spouses and partners — on a trip to Alaska, where she and her husband, Wayne, had lived for several years. After his death in June of 2002, Mrs. Hagerty and her family took his ashes back to Alaska.

Mrs. Hagerty’s time in Alaska was busy. She was crowned Mrs. Fairbanks in 1966, and then hosted a television show in Fairbanks.

Nicki holds a lot of fond memories from the trip.

“It was very interesting to be able to see Alaska through her eyes and to share in her memories,” she said. “It was wonderful for all of us to be together.”

Together, Nicki said, was how the Hagerty family spent much of their time.

“We were very tight-knit,” she said. “Growing up, we were always here at Grandma and Grandpas ... all the aunts, uncles and cousins. We were always playing cards or some sort of game.”

Nicki and her husband lived with Nicki’s grandmother during her last days, taking care of her needs and her house. It’s something Nicki said she will always be glad she did.

“There was a lot of card and Scrabble playing, and a lot of talking,” she said with a smile in her voice. “She left me with great memories. But then, she always left an impression on everybody.”

Michael Harvey

AUBURN — Michael L. Harvey, 43, of Auburn, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

He was born to Ralph Harvey and Jackline (Bradley) Cox of Waterloo on Aug. 27, 1960.

He graduated from DeKalb High School in 1979, working later for Hillsdale Tool of Hamilton. He was an avid photographer.

He is survived by his mother; his ex-wife, Dawn Harvey of Auburn; a son, Landen Harvey of Auburn; a stepdaughter, Nicole Rogers of Auburn; a sister, Connie Jones of Auburn; a nephew, Thomas Jackson II of Auburn and a niece, Kaleigh Stairhime of Hicksville, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister, Diane Evans.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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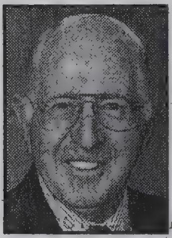
Robert Sible

CHURUBUSCO — Robert W. Sible, 88, of rural Churubusco was found dead Friday afternoon, Jan. 30, 2004, at his residence in Eel River Township. His death was unexpected.

Mr. Sible was born on Nov. 4, 1915, in Eel River Township to Pearl and Venora (Hollopeter) Sible. He spent his formative years in the township, graduating form Huntertown High School in 1933. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. In 1937, Mr. Sible earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College, later receiving his master's degree from Indiana University in 1942.



Mr. Sible

He was married to Elsie M. Bacon on June 17, 1951, in New Haven. The couple lived on a farm southeast of Churubusco in Allen County.

Mr. Sible taught at Huntertown High School, the Washington Center School and retired from Harlan Elementary School in 1970. His teaching career spanned 35 years.

He was also a farmer in Eel River Township.

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and the Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law Cheryl and Leroy Schaefer of Fort Wayne; a son, David L. Sible of Albion; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, on June 20, 1994, and a sister, Myrtle Marschand in 2003.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. at Churubucso United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating.

Calling will be at Sheets & Childs Funeral home on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. and at the church one hour prior to the service.

Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM will conduct a memorial service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the mortuary.

Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Robert Shellman

ALBION — Robert E. Shellman, 76, died at 2:15 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 31, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Shellman was born in Gibson City, Ill., to Harvey and Lela (Mehrer) Shellman on Oct. 2, 1927.

He moved to the area in 1937, later working as a farmer and for Kraft Foods in Kendallville. He retired from Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne in 1990, after 24 years.

He married Elizabeth Elser on March 16, 1957, in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She survives.

Mr. Shellman, a World War II Navy veteran, was a member of the Albion Lodge 97 F&AM, and served twice as Master of the Lodge. He was also a member of Prentiss Chapter 178 OES, Scottish Rite, Albion American Legion Post 246, National Rifle Association and Pheasants Forever.

He loved to hunt and fish, and he loved his kids and grandkids.

Also surviving are three sons and three daughters-in-law, Alan and Judy Shellman of Manteca, Calif., Michael and Terresa Shellman of Albion and Mark E. and Beth Shellman, also of Albion; a daughter, Sue Ann Klopfenstein and her special friend Mike Streeser, of Auburn; three sisters, Lovella A. Ford and Marilyn Brumbaugh both of Albion and Natalie Leitch of Lafayette, Tenn.; eight grandchildren, Jeremiah Klopfenstein; Jessica Balyeat; Brock, Brett, Bryce, Zachary, Dillon and Boone R. Shellman; and one great-grandson, Mason Matthew Balyeat.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Genevieve Leitch.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Masonic service will be at 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Albion Temple Association.

Herschel Huss

FREMONT — Herschel L. Huss, 86, of Fremont, died Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare Center in Auburn.

He was born to Jay B. and Nancy Adeline "Addie" (Smith) Huss on June 29, 1917, in Fremont.

He married Ruth Irene Adams. She preceded him in death on Sept. 4, 1987.

Mr. Huss was a retired mechanic at McNaughton's International Harvestor Implement Dealership in Fremont. He was also a farmer and a mechanic for the Indiana Toll Road. For many years, he was a sexton and caretaker of Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont.

Mr. Huss

Mr. Huss, a devoted father and grandfather, was also an inventor. He invented the hay elevator and had articles published in Popular Mechanics Custom Farming Magazine. Along with his brother, Clarence, Mr. Huss had one of the county's first hay balers.

He was a 1936 Fremont High School graduate. He enjoyed the Fremont coffee shops and Skelton's Citgo Gas Station. He also repaired lawn mowers for the widows, or "widders" as he called them, of his community.

He is survived by three daughters and two sons-in-law, Nancy and Bill Noyes of Fremont, Barbara and Daniel Hanna of Union City, Mich., and Robin Hissey of Mishawaka; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry and Jean Huss of Fremont and David and Randi Huss of Coldwater, Mich.; thirteen grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

In addition to his parents and his wife, he was preceded in death by one sister, Wava Oberst; a brother, Clarence Huss and one daughter, Jean Marie Huss.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

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Scott Abbs

KENDALLVILLE — Scott B. Abbs, 52, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at his home.

He was assistant plant manager and asset manager at Kraft Foods where he had worked for 32 years. He was an avid sports enthusiast and supported the Kendallville Youth Baseball Association and East Noble athletic booster programs for many years. He supported the football programs at Hanover College and Indiana University where his sons played.

Mr. Abbs

He loved racing sprint cars and with his brother, Jim, and nephew, Bryce, operated Abbs Team Racing.

Mr. Abbs was a member of the Humane Society of Noble County and the National Miniature Dachshund Association. He dedicated much of his time and talent to Junior Achievement.

He was born April 6, 1951, in Kendallville to Bill and Jane (Geringer) Abbs. They survive in Kendallville. In 1970 he graduated from East Noble High School. He earned an associate's degree from Ivy Tech and a bachelor's degree in business management from LaSalle University in Chicago.

On Jan. 20, 1973, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, he married Carol Sue Reiske. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Troy and Julie Abbs of Fort Wayne and Trevor Abbs of LaPorte; a sister and brother-in-law, Jan Abbs and John Knox of Muncie; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Jan Harkner-Abbs of Wawaka; his mother-in-law, Beth Reiske of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Jim Reiske of Kendallville; a sister- and brother-in-law, Karen and Ron Henschen of Kendallville; four nieces, Jessica Knox, Kris Cartright, Kim Henschen and Kristen Reiske; and four nephews, Jordan Knox, Bryce Abbs, Butch Henschen and Will Reiske.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Bill Reiske.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County or the Kendallville Youth Baseball Association's new facility project.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Jack E. Whitford** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in Hooper-King Cemetery near Avilla.

Pallbearers were Scott Whitford, Dan Whitford, Chris Whitford, Dave Balbaugh, Stan Brady and Stan Risser.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

Jack Cardosy

FREMONT, Ohio — Jack Cardosy, 72, of Fremont died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, in the emergency room at Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Cardosy was a car salesman for many years and sales manager for Baumann Auto Group in Fremont. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, the Fremont Moose Lodge and was a Mason. He enjoyed sports and spending time with his grandsons.

He was born Sept. 27, 1931, in Stony Ridge to Carl Edward and Eliza (Robinson) Cardosy. He graduated from Lake High School in 1949 and served in the Navy during the Korean conflict. On Sept. 12, 1953, at Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg, he married Ida May "Dolly" Brossia. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jennifer and Steve Kramer of Kendallville, Ind., and Jacilyn Cardosy (Van Fisher) of Martins Ferry; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Jane and Russ Welling of Lucky and Mary Ousky and Wilma "Billie" and Mack McCintosh, all of Moline; and three grandsons, Jack Charles Cardosy-Fisher, Max Addison Cardosy-Kramer and Carl Edward Cardosy-Kramer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Faith Lutheran Church with Pastor Jim Avers officiating. Burial will be in Lake Township Cemetery in Walbridge.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Herman-Kinn-Karlovetz Funeral Home, 900 North St., Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Edward VanGessel

KENDALLVILLE — Edward R. VanGessel, 82, of Kendallville died at 1:25 a.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. VanGessel

Mr. VanGessel had retired as an electrical tester for General Electric in Fort Wayne and had owned Culligan of DeKalb County. He had moved to the area in 1942 from Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. VanGessel was born March 4, 1921, in Grand Rapids to Anthony and Frances (VanLyn) VanGessel. On Nov. 25, 1944, in Kendallville, he married Agnes Kreienbrink. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Christina and Mike VanGessel-Buescher of Fort Wayne and Gretchen VanGessel of Hope, Mich.; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Craig and Linda VanGessel and Kevin and Nancy VanGessel, all of Kendallville, Terence and Pat VanGessel of LaOtto, Dave VanGessel of Angola and Jeffrey and Monte VanGessel of Avilla; two sisters, Eunice Mitus of Connecticut and Frances "Sis" Brayman of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Robert VanGessel and Tom VanGessel, both of Grand Rapids; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Gerald VanGessel.

Lucy Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — Lucy R. Jackson, 98, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

James Groll

KENDALLVILLE — James E. Groll, 78, of Avilla died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Kendallville Manor.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's School Endowment Fund.

Pauline Elkins

AUBURN — Pauline E. Elkins, 85, of Auburn died at 9:05 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn where she had resided 1 1/2 years.

Mrs. Elkins

Mrs. Elkins had lived in Ashley and Hudson and retired in 1978 from Starcraft.

She was on the board of directors of the Region III Council on Aging and a member of the Widow's Club in Auburn and an RSVP volunteer.

Mrs. Elkins was born June 26, 1918, in Steuben County to Frank and Lottie (Winkleblack) Lieberenz. On March 1, 1937, in Auburn, she married James Elkins. He died July 18, 1984.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Walter and Thelma Elkins of Helmer and Danny and Diana Elkins of Waterloo; three daughters and sons-in-law, Emma and Robert Wells of Corunna, Janet and Raymond Kulpinski of Bronson, Mich., and Janice and Frank Kessler of Waterloo; 14 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Schwenk officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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John Jablonski

VALPARAISO — John Paul "Jabo" Jablonski, 65, of Valparaiso died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Jablonski was a foreman for Midwest Steel for 33 years. He served in the Navy from 1959 to 1961. He enjoyed playing marbles and was a former marble state champion.

He was born Aug. 1, 1938, in Gary to Joseph and Anne (Grennis) Jablonski. On Oct. 21, 1978, in Valparaiso, he married Jeanne Drake Hooks. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Aimee Jablonski of Chesterton, Larry and Denise Hooks II of Corunna and Joseph and Kelly Hooks of Kouts; six grandchildren, J.J., Lily and Miles Jablonski and Alexis, Grace and Alyssa Hooks.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Bartholomew Funeral Home, 102 Monroe St., Valparaiso. Burial will be in Graceland Cemetery in Valparaiso.

Calling will be from 4 p.m. until the time of the service.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association and the American Heart Association.

Ray Fleck

FORT WAYNE — Ray E. Fleck, 78, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Fleck retired in 1987 from Essex Wire Corp. after 42 years of service.

A native of Fort Wayne, he was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He enjoyed woodworking, fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Colleen E. Fleck of Fort Wayne; three sons, David Fleck of Rome City, Tom Fleck of Batesville and Jim Fleck of Trafalgar; two daughters, Cheryl Gaskill of Monroeville and Sandra Morris of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ruth Somers of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Earl Fleck of Fort Wayne and Lee Fleck of Indianapolis; 15 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service, Hospice Home or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Carl Watson

LIGONIER — Carl Bruce Watson, 61, of Ligonier died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. at home.

Mr. Watson

Mr. Watson was a retired truck driver and mechanic who had lived in Noble County for 43 years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1963. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and enjoyed working on anything mechanical, fishing and spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 19, 1942, in Windsor, Vt., to Carl Linwood and Florence A. (Wentworth) Watson. His mother survives in Lake Wales, Fla. On Nov. 24, 1970, he married Lucy D. Lindsay in Syracuse. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Theodore "Ted" and Sherry Watson of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica Jean and Joseph Belofi of Ligonier; two sisters, Cathy Horne of Mishawaka and Robyn Wood of Lake Wales; and four grandchildren, Diana and Carl Watson and Toni and Kayla Knowles.

Services will be Thursday at 5 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dick Johnson officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Lucy Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — Lucy R. Jackson, 98, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 1, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Jackson

Mrs. Jackson was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville; Sigma Beta Sorority; and the Daughters of the Nile. She was a past president of Harvest House at Immaculate Conception.

She was born Oct. 21, 1905, in Fort Recovery, Ohio, to Joseph and Frances (Kuhl) Robbins. She married James H. Jackson on June 4, 1938, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death Dec. 3, 1983.

Surviving are three brothers, Father Charles Robbins of Rensselaer, Edward Robbins of Fort Recovery and Harold Robbins of San Diego, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral Mass will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, with a rosary recited at 7 p.m.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marlene Graber

HOWE — Marlene H. Graber, 6 months, 18 days, of rural Howe died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at 4:10 a.m. at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Miss Graber lived her lifetime in LaGrange County. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born July 16, 2003, in Fort Wayne to Herman and Malinda (Miller) Graber, who survive in rural Howe.

Also surviving are two sisters, Karen Graber and Marlene's twin, Marla Graber, both of Howe; her paternal grandparents, Henry and Mary Kay Graber of LaGrange; her maternal grandparents, Mervin and Luella Miller of LaGrange; her paternal great-grandparents, Daniel and Anna Graber and Mary Ann Yoder, all of LaGrange; her maternal great-grandparents, Enos and Katie Miller of LaGrange; her stepgreat-grandparents, Lester and Ella Byler of LaGrange; seven uncles; nine aunts; and 49 cousins.

A grandmother, Ida Miller, preceded her in death.

Services will be Friday at 9:30 a.m. at the William Troyer residence, 1850 W. C.R. 450N, Howe, with Bishop Perry Whetstone officiating. Burial will be at Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the William Troyer residence.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Allison Stayner

CLEVELAND, Ohio — Allison Floyd Stayner, 81, of Cleveland, died at home with his family on Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, after a long bout with cancer.

Mr. Stayner was born Sept. 22, 1922, to Floyd O. and Lissie Fair Stayner. He grew up in Orland.

After finishing high school, Mr. Stayner served in the South Pacific during World War II. He was one of the founding members of the American Legion Post 423 in Orland.

He married his wife, Frances Jane, upon his return from the war and they settled on a small farm near Lake Gage. He worked for Douglas Manufacturing Co. in Bronson, Mich. and was transferred to Walnut Ridge, Ark., in 1971, where he helped start a new manufacturing plant. After corporate mergers, he was moved to the Cleveland Wood Division of Scott & Fetzer in Cleveland in 1982. He retired in 1989 after 50 years in the business.

He is survived by his wife, to whom he'd been married 57 years; his sons and daughters-in-law David and Sandra Stayner and Floyd and Debra Stayner; a daughter, Jane Stayner; grandchildren Bethany Duvall and Matthew Stayner; two great-grandchildren, Adam and Madelyn Duvall; and sisters Joan Penix, Virginia Evans and Margaret Truran.

He was preceded in death by brothers Wardell, Leland and Basil.

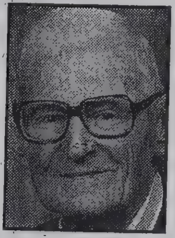
Services will be held Friday at 11 a.m. at Lakewood United Methodist Church, Lakewood, Ohio. A graveside service will be held at a later date at Jackson Prairie Cemetery in Steuben County.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lake Gage Congregational Church, care of Rev. Steven Altman, Box 71, Orland IN 46776 or Hospice of the Cleveland Clinic, 6801 Brecksville Road, No. 10, Independence OH 44131.

Arrangements are by Chambers Funeral Homes, Cleveland, Ohio.

James Groll

AVILLA — James Edward Groll, 78, of Avilla died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.



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Mr. Groll was employed as a civilian for 36 years with the United States Air Force at Williams Air Force Base as an avionics communication technician. He retired in 1988.

He was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla where he served on various committees including the Apple Festival and Vacation Bible School. He was a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240 and a 50-year member of the American Radio Relay League as an amateur radio operator.

Mr. Groll was born May 5, 1925, in Kansas City, Mo., to Ed and Leah (Robertson) Groll. He served with the United States Navy as an aviation radio technician first class from September 1942 until December 1945.

On Dec. 13, 1945, in Kansas City, he married Ella Marie Lewis. She died Oct. 8, 1967, in Mesa, Ariz. On Dec. 26, 1969, in Mesa, he married Janis Arlene Whan. She died Feb. 15, 2003, in Avilla.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Rosalind Groll Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Joy Terry of Phoenix; a stepdaughter and her husband, Lana and Steve Ritter of Goffstown, N.H.; two stepsons, Michael Shroyer of Grapevine, Texas, and Dennis Shroyer of Hot Springs, Ark.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris Layton of Phoenix, Ariz., and Lorene and Keith Ulshafter of Crawford, Colo.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Edgar and Olga Groll of San Diego, Calif., and Larry and Jacki Groll of Crawford, Colo.; his mother-in-law, Lileth Whan of Avilla; two brothers- and sisters-in-law, Richard and Clara Whan of Avilla and Paul and Joyce Whan of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Christy Terry of Phoenix; and three stepgrandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a granddaughter, Tabitha Groll; and a brother, Paul Groll.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery, rural Avilla.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Margaret May

ALBION — Margaret May, 88, of Albion died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. May had worked as a receptionist at Group Dekko International in Kendallville from 1966 until her retirement in 1980. She was a former resident of Hicksville, Ohio, and had moved to Albion in 1937.

She was a member and past worthy matron of Prentiss Chapter No. 178 Order of the Eastern Star in Albion. She was also a member of the Albion Progress Club and the ELCAW Women of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Mrs. May was born Oct. 13, 1915, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Frank and Bernice (Hawkins) Scott. On May 19, 1937, in Hicksville, she married Weldon May. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mariellyn and Douglas Rollins of Cedarburg, Wis.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Loren D. and Kathy May of Bloomington, Ill., and Lowell E. May of LaGrange; a sister, Luella Haynes of Fort Wayne; a brother, Frank Scott of Port Lavaca, Texas; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Linda L. May, and a brother, C.M. Scott.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the church. An Eastern Star services will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to Prentiss Chapter No. 178 Order of the Eastern Star.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Scott Abbs

KENDALLVILLE – Scott B. Abbs, 52, of Kendallville died Monday, February 2, 2004, at his home.

He was assistant plant manager and asset manager at Kraft Foods where he had worked for 32 years. He was an avid sports enthusiast and supported the Kendallville Youth Baseball Association and East Noble athletic booster programs for many years. He supported the football programs at Hanover College and Indiana University where his sons played.

He loved racing sprint cars and with his brother, Jim, and nephew, Bryce, operated Abbs Team Racing.

Mr. Abbs was a member of the Humane Society of Noble County and the National Miniature Dachshund Association. He dedicated much of his time and talent to Junior Achievement.

He was born April 6, 1951, in Kendallville to Bill and Jane (Geringer) Abbs. They survive in Kendallville. In 1970, he graduated from East Noble High School. He earned an associate's degree from Ivy Tech and a bachelor's degree in business management from LaSalle University in Chicago.

On January 20, 1973, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, he married Carol Sue Reiske. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Troy and Julie Abbs of Fort Wayne and Trevor Abbs of LaPorte; a sister and brother-in-law, Jan Abbs and John Knox of Muncie; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Jan Harkner-Abbs of Wawaka; his mother-in-law, Beth Reiske of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Jim Reiske of Kendallville; a sister- and brother-in-law, Karen and Ron Henschen of Kendallville; four nieces, Jessica Knox, Kris Cartright, Kim Henschen and Kristen Reiske; and four nephews, Jordan Knox, Bryce Abbs, Butch Henschen and Will Reiske.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Bill Reiske.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 5, 2004, at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County or the Kendallville Youth Baseball Association's new facility project.

Glenn Hickman

KENDALLVILLE – Glenn Duane Hickman, 52, died in his Kendallville home on Sunday, February 1, 2003.

He was born in Fort Wayne on March 30, 1951, to Glenn L. and Dorothy L. (Sherbahn) Hickman.

Mr. Hickman worked for East Noble for 11 years as a custodian, then worked at Fairmont Homes in Nappanee. He graduated with the Class of 1970 from Churubusco High School. He enjoyed his family and friends, liked putting model cars together and camping and fishing.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Hickman of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Amy M. and Paul Akers of Kendallville; a son, Andrew M. Hickman of South Bend; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and James Felger of Avilla and Janet and Gerald Kreienbrink of Roanoke.

He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn L. Hickman, December, 1989.

Services were held Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with Rev. Dr. Leonard King and Rev. Barbra Cross officiating.

Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Parking Lot Fund at Calvary United Methodist Church or to the family.

Maxine Kilgore

WOLF LAKE – Maxine L. Kilgore, 79, of Wolf Lake, died Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

She was born June 28, 1924, to Ullin H. and Grace P. (Price) Cart in Niles, MI. Both are deceased.

On June 28, 1945, she was married to John C. Kilgore at the Wolf Lake United Methodist Church in Wolf Lake. Mr. Kilgore died May 13, 1999.

A lifetime resident in the community, she worked 11 years for Hetrick Manufacturing in Goshen, five years for Victor Gasket Company in Churubusco and was a homemaker.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Collett Kilgore of Wolf Lake and Larry Kilgore of Bear Lake in Noble County; a daughter, Beverly Ann Pressler of Red Key, IN; a brother, Harold Cart of Goshen; and three sisters, Kathleen Leitch of Georgia, Shirley Espanda of Goshen and Helen Smith of Elkhart.

Services were held Saturday, January 31, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating.

Burial was in Stringtown Cemetery in Washington Twp., Noble County.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

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Robert Sible

CHURUBUSCO – Robert W. Sible, 88, of rural Churubusco was found dead Friday afternoon, January 30, 2004, at his residence in Eel River Township. His death was unexpected.

Mr. Sible was born on November 4, 1915, in Eel River Township to Pearl and Venora (Hollopeter) Sible. He spent his formative years in the township, graduating from Huntertown High School in 1933. He served in the U. S. Army during World War II. In 1937, Mr. Sible earned a bachelor's degree from Manchester College, later receiving his master's degree from Indiana University in 1942.

He was married to Elsie M. Bacon on June 17, 1951, in New Haven. The couple lived on a farm southeast of Churubusco in Allen County. She died on June 20, 1994.

Mr. Sible taught at Huntertown High School, the Washington Center School and retired from Harlan Elementary School in 1970. His teaching career spanned 35 years.

He was also a farmer in Eel River Township.

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and the Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Leroy Schaefer of Fort Wayne; a son, David L. Sible of Albion; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and a sister, Myrtle Marschand in 2003.

Services were held Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating. Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM conducted a memorial service on Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at the mortuary.

Burial was in Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Margaret May

ALBION – Margaret May, 88, died at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville on Monday, February 2, 2004.

She was born October 13, 1915, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Frank and Bernice (Hawkins) Scott.

On May 19, 1937, she was married to Weldon May in Hicksville, OH. He survives.

Mrs. May was retired from Group Dekko International of Kendallville, where she was a receptionist from 1966-1980. She was a member and Past Matron of the Prentiss Chapter #178 O.E.S. of Albion, the Albion Progress Club, and the ELCAW Women of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

In addition to her husband, Weldon, Mrs. May is also survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Mariellyn and Douglas Rollins of Cedarburg, WI; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Loren D. and Kathy May of Bloomingdale, IL and Lowell E. May of LaGrange; one sister, Luella Haynes of Fort Wayne; a brother, Frank Scott of Port Lavaca, TX; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter-in-law, Linda L. May; and a brother, C.M. Scott.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, February 5, 2004, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

O.E.S. Service will be held at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church on Thursday, February 5.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, February 6, 2004, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Interment will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Prentiss Chapter #178 O.E.S.

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Robert Shellman

ALBION – Robert E. Shellman, 76, died at his residence Saturday, January 31, 2004.

Living in the Albion community since 1937, he was born October 2, 1927, in Gibson City, IL to Harvey and Lela (Mehrer) Shellman.

On March 16, 1957, he married Elizabeth Elser in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Mr. Shellman had worked for Kraft Foods in Kendallville; retired from Zollner Piston in Fort Wayne in 1990 after 24 years of service; and was also a farmer. He was a member of Albion Lodge #97 F & AM, and served twice as Master of the Lodge; Prentiss Chapter 178 OES; Scottish Rite; Albion American Legion Post 246; Nation Rifle Association; and Pheasants Forever. He loved his kids and grandkids. He also loved to hunt and fish.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; one daughter, Sue Ann Klopfenstein and her special friend, Dale Streeter of Auburn; three sons and daughters-in-law, Alan and Judy Shellman of Manteca, CA, Michael and Terresa Shellman and Mark E. and Beth Shellman, all of Albion; eight grandchildren, Brock, Brett, Bryce, Zachary, Dillon, Boone R. Shellman, Jeremiah Klopfenstein, and Jessica Balyeat; one great-grandchild, Mason Matthew Balyeat; and three sisters, Lovella A. Ford, Marilyn Brumbaugh, both of Albion, and Natalie Leitch of Lafayette, TN.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Genevieve Leitch.

Services were held Tuesday, February 3, 2004, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Masonic services were held Monday, February 2, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial was in Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 246, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Albion Temple Association.

Edward VanGessel

KENDALLVILLE – Edward R. VanGessel, 82, of Kendallville died Monday, February 2, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. VanGessel had retired as an electrical tester for General Electric in Fort Wayne and had owned Culligan of DeKalb County. He had moved to the area in 1942 from Grand Rapids, MI.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. VanGessel was born March 4, 1921, in Grand Rapids to Anthony and Frances (VanLyn) VanGessel. On November 25, 1944, he married Agnes Kreienbrink in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Christina and Mike VanGessel-Buescher of Fort Wayne and Gretchen VanGessel of Hope, MI; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Craig and Linda VanGessel and Kevin and Nancy VanGessel, all of Kendallville, Terence and Pat VanGessel of LaOtto, Dave VanGessel of Angola and Jeffrey and Monte VanGessel of Avilla; two sisters, Eunice Mitus of Connecticut and Frances "Sis" Brayman of Grand Rapids; two brothers, Robert VanGessel and Tom VanGessel, both of Grand Rapids; and 17 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Gerald VanGessel.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, February 5, 2004, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, February 4, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's School Endowment Fund.

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Audrey Wappes

ALBION – Audrey L. Wappes, 91, of Albion died Thursday, January 29, 2004 at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She was born March 19, 1912, to John and Lillian (Wysong) Gloy in Stryker, Ohio.

She was married to Archie Wappes on March 28, 1930. He died July 17, 1967.

Mrs. Wappes was a resident of Albion since 1947. The last two years she had lived with her daughter and before that, she lived in Fort Wayne. She had been employed at Haffner Dime Store in Albion for several years, a member of First Presbyterian Church in Albion and an avid IU fan.

She is survived by a daughter, Colleen Wilson of Albion; six grandchildren, Deb Freeman, Randy Wilson, Cheri Sibert, Kathy Marzion, Wayne Wappes, and Donna Wappes; 15 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Don Wappes; and two sisters, Genevierie Tarlton and Florence Baker.

Services were held Monday, February 2, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, with the Rev. Stanley Wilson officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church in Albion.

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Doris Welker

HOWE — Doris L. Welker, 83, of Howe died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Welker was a homemaker and a rural mail carrier and office clerk for the U.S. Postal Service.

Mrs. Welker

She had lived most of her life in LaGrange County and was a member of Brighton Chapel. She enjoyed gardening and sewing.

Mrs. Welker was born Jan. 28, 1921, in St. Joseph County, Mich., to Harold and Florence (Mock) Fennell. On Jan. 31, 1938, she married Carl G. Welker. He died Sept. 11, 1980.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Betty and Richard Bellaire of Middlebury, Shirley and James Wire Jr., LuAnn and Ray Miller and Lori and Jed Oakley, all of Howe, and Tammy and Michael Fennell of Howe; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert C. and Kay Welker of Fort Wayne and Terry L. and Shirley Welker of Salters, S.C.; two sisters, Marian Cary of Bronson, Mich., and Beryl Sadewasser of Elkhart; a brother, Robert Fennell of Escondido, Calif.; 19 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brighton Chapel in Brighton with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth and the Rev. Dwight Kauffman officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery, Brighton.

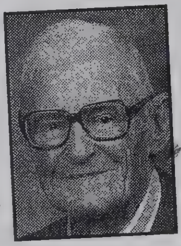
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Brighton Chapel.

This obituary is being repeated to correct information provided by the funeral home.

James Groll

AVILLA — James Edward Groll, 78, of Avilla died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.


Mr. Groll

Mr. Groll was employed as a civilian for 36 years with the United States Air Force at Williams Air Force Base as an avionics communication technician. He retired in 1988.

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Mr. Groll was born May 5, 1925, in Kansas City, Mo., to Ed and Leah (Robertson) Groll. He served with the United States Navy as an aviation radio technician first class from September 1942 until December 1945.

On Dec. 13, 1945, in Kansas City, he married Ella Marie Lewis. She died Oct. 8, 1967, in Mesa, Ariz. On Dec. 26, 1969, in Mesa, he married Janis Arlene Whan. She died Feb. 15, 2003, in Avilla.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Rosalind Groll Jr. of Phoenix, Ariz.; a daughter, Joy Terry of Phoenix; a stepdaughter and her husband, Lana and Steve Ritter of Goffstown, N.H.; two stepsons, Michael Shroyer of Grapevine, Texas, and Dennis Shroyer of Hot Springs, Ark.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris Layton of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Lorene and Keith Ulshafter of Crawford, Colo.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Edgar and Olga Groll of San Diego, Calif., and Larry and Jacki Groll of Crawford, Colo.; his mother-in-law, Lileth Whan of Avilla; two brothers- and sisters-in-law, Richard and Clara Whan of Avilla and Paul and Joyce Whan of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Christi Terry of Phoenix; and three stepgrandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a granddaughter, Tabitha Groll; and a brother, Carl Groll.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King of Calvary United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery, rural Avilla.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Darlene Kiser

HAMILTON — Darlene E. Kiser, 67, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at her home in Hamilton.

Mrs. Kiser worked as a deli cook and retired from Dana Corp. in Angola in 1997. She then worked at S&S Stores while living in Florida. After moving back to Indiana, she worked at Wal-Mart in Auburn.

She was born Sept. 14, 1936, in Auburn to Willard E. and Helene (Drake) Robbins. They preceded her in death.

She married Howard E. Kiser on Oct. 20, 1973, in Kendallville. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Michael Kelley and Edwin Eugene Kelley, both of Lake City, Fla.; two daughters, Debra Kelley of Saranac, Mich., and Sheila Burton of Crestline, Ohio; two brothers, Larry Robbins of Crestline, Ohio, and Willard E. Robbins Jr. of Riverside, Calif.; one sister, Rita Taylor of Johnson City, Tenn.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Robert Kelley, and a daughter, Carla Lord.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Theodore Taylor

HOWE — Theodore R. Taylor, 77, of Howe died Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Taylor was a retired registered nurse at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Marion. He had moved from Marion to Howe in 1982.

He was a member of Pine Knob Conservation Club and the Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Taylor was born March 2, 1926, in Marion to Maurice H. and Myra (Harper) Taylor. On June 24, 1955, in Chicago, he married Caryl Z. Hanna. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lance and Kim Taylor of Howe.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lynn Thompson, in 1999.

No services are planned.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Burial will be at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Parks Department.

Sheila Marks

KENDALLVILLE — Sheila Marks, 75, of Kendallville died at 11:25 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

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Scott Abbs

KENDALLVILLE — Scott B. Abbs, 52, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at his home.

He was assistant plant manager and asset manager at Kraft Foods where he had worked for 32 years. He was an avid sports enthusiast and supported the Kendallville Youth Baseball Association and East Noble athletic booster programs for many years. He supported the football programs at Hanover College and Indiana University where his sons played.

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Mr. Abbs was a member of the Humane Society of Noble County and the National Miniature Dachshund Association. He dedicated much of his time and talent to Junior Achievement.

Mr. Abbs

He was born April 6, 1951, in Kendallville to Bill and Jane (Geringer) Abbs. They survive in Kendallville. In 1970 he graduated from East Noble High School. He earned an associate's degree from Ivy Tech and a bachelor's degree in business management from LaSalle University in Chicago.

On Jan. 20, 1973, at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, he married Carol Sue Reiske. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Troy and Julie Abbs of Fort Wayne and Trevor Abbs of LaPorte; a sister and brother-in-law, Jan Abbs and John Knox of Muncie; a brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Jan Harkner-Abbs of Wawaka; his mother-in-law, Beth Reiske of Kendallville; a brother-in-law, Jim Reiske of Kendallville; a sister- and brother-in-law, Karen and Ron Henschen of Kendallville; four nieces, Jessica Knox, Kris Cartright, Kim Henschen and Kristen Reiske; and four nephews, Jordan Knox, Bryce Abbs, Butch Henschen and Will Reiske.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Bill Reiske.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County or the Kendallville Youth Baseball Association's new facility project.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Betty Weldy

Elizabeth M. "Betty" Weldy, 77, of Bradenton, Florida, died at 9:40 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2004, at her home following an extended illness. She was born August 31, 1926, in Goshen, to Charles and Bertha (Riser) Hess.

On Sept. 14, 1946, she married Everett J. Weldy. He died Nov. 11, 1986.

She lived her whole life in Goshen and wintered in Bradenton for many years. She was an officer and owner of Weldy Auto Parts in Goshen for many years. She also owned and operated Riverdale Beauty Shop in Goshen for several years.

She was a 1944 graduate of Goshen High School, a lifetime member of the American Legion in Middlebury, Ind., and a member of the Disabled American Veterans Post 15 in Goshen, Veterans of Foreign Wars in Syracuse, Ind., and the American Legion in Syracuse.

Survivors include two daughters, Penny (Steve) Berg, Cromwell, and Jonna Ernst, Goshen; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and her nephew, Everett Gresiak, who was also her caregiver in Florida.

Preceding her in death were her parents; her husband; a daughter; Sheila Diane, in 1947; a grandson, Neil Everingham in 1976; and a sister, Evangeline Gresiak.

Funeral services were on Monday February 2 at 11 a.m. at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home. Buiral followed in Hess Cemetary.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Southwest Florida.

Services were Monday for Glen Longenbaugh, former school superintendent

Mr. Longenbaugh

WINONA LAKE — Services were held Monday for Glen Longenbaugh, 84, of Winona Lake, a former principal in Ligonier and former superintendent of West Noble School Corp., died at 8:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, 2004, at Grace Village Retirement Center, Winona Lake.

The 14-year resident of Kosciusko County was a teacher, athletic director, principal and administrator in the public schools.

Mr. Longenbaugh graduated from Huntington College in 1942, and obtained his master's degree from Indiana University. He was selected as a member of the Huntington College Athletic Hall of Fame, and was a member of the Ligonier Lions Club and Morris Chapel United Methodist Church, Pierceton.

He taught school in Lansing, Ill., was the athletic director and basketball coach at Huntington College, principal at Washington Center School in Whitley County, principal at Ligonier High School and superintendent of West Noble School Corp., retiring in 1980.

One man with many fond memories of working for and with Mr. Longenbaugh is Roger Schermerhorn, who retired in 2001 after nearly 40 years with West Noble School Corp.

"He was a friend to education," Schermerhorn said . "I enjoyed working with Glen for many years. He made education his life."

Longenbaugh was superintendent of West Noble schools when Schermerhorn was promoted to the job of principal at West Noble High School in January 1973.

"I was grateful for the opportunity Glen and the school board gave me, as well as for the chance to work for him," Schermerhorn said.

Schermerhorn said Longenbaugh's legacy will include the work he did, along with the late Lloyd Ness, in coming up with design and oversight for construction of the current West Noble High School building in the early 1970s.

Born on Dec. 17, 1919, in Oakley, Ill., he was the son of the Rev. I. Earl and Iva Mary (Buckley) Longenbaugh. On Aug. 23, 1943, he married Geneva G. Stucker. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Lowell Dean Longenbaugh of Columbia City; a daughter, Glenda Kay Steward of Sunfield, Mich.; two brothers, William Longenbaugh of Columbia City and Floyd Longenbaugh of Elkhart; a sister, Esther Lozier of Decatur, Mich.; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Monday at Titus Funeral Home, Warsaw, with Keith Porter, Diana Siegal and Ralph Burns officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw.

Memorials are to Huntington College Athletic Department, 2303 College Ave., Huntington, IN 46750.

Amy Lynn Barrias Rebecca Lynn Barrias

LIGONIER — Amy Lynn Barrias and Rebecca Lynn Barrias of Ligonier were stillborn Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, in Goshen Hospital, Goshen.

Surviving are their parents, Asimial Barrias and Sara Flores, both of Ligonier; two brothers, James Mathias Charles and Brian Fernando Flores, both of Ligonier; a sister, Rosamarie Reyes Charles of Ligonier; grandparents, Elmer and Rosemary Charles of Ligonier; and several aunts and uncles.

Services were Monday in Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Mike Stanley officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

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Carl Watson

LIGONIER — Carl Bruce Watson, 61, of Ligonier died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. at home.

Mr. Watson

Mr. Watson was a retired truck driver and mechanic who had lived in Noble County for 43 years. He served in the U.S. Army from 1960-1963. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and enjoyed working on anything mechanical, fishing and spending time with his family.

He was born Feb. 19, 1942, in Windsor, Vt., to Carl Linwood and Florence A. (Wentworth) Watson. His mother survives in Lake Wales, Fla. On Nov. 24, 1970, he married Lucy D. Lindsay in Syracuse. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Theodore "Ted" and Sherry Watson of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Jessica Jean and Joseph Belofi of Ligonier; two sisters, Cathy Horne of Mishawaka and Robyn Wood of Lake Wales; and four grandchildren, Diana and Carl Watson and Toni and Kayla Knowles.

Services will be today, Thursday at 5 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Dick Johnson officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be today, Thursday from 1-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Maxine Kilgore

WOLF LAKE — Maxine L. Kilgore, 79, formerly of Wolf Lake, died at 9:27 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Kilgore was a homemaker and had been employed for five years at Victor Gasket Co. in Churubusco and 11 years at Hetrick Manufacturing in Goshen.

She was born June 28, 1924, in Niles, Mich., to Ullin H. and Grace P. (Price) Cart. On June 28, 1945, at Wolf Lake United Methodist Church, she married John C. Kilgore. He died May 13, 1999.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John and Colette Kilgore of Wolf Lake and Larry Kilgore of Bear Lake in Noble County; a daughter, Beverly Ann Pressler of Redkey; a brother, Harold Cart of Goshen; and three sisters, Kathleen Leitch of Georgia, Shirley Espanda of Goshen and Helen Smith of Elkhart.

Services were Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial was in Stringtown Cemetery in Washington Township, Noble County.

Memorials are to the Arthritis Foundation.

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Sheila Marks

KENDALLVILLE — Sheila Marks, 75, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Marks

Mrs. Marks was a homemaker and had worked at Kraft Foods. She loved animals, especially her dog, Zayla, and her cat, Boru.

She was a 40-year member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville where she taught CCD classes and was one of the first women to become a minister of the Eucharist in the parish.

Mrs. Marks and her husband, Kenneth, had lived in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan for 12 years in the town of Mohawk.

She was born Oct. 17, 1928, in Gillingham, Kent, England, the daughter of John and Ellen (Law) O'Hara. On May 23, 1946, in Woodgreen, London, England, she married Kenneth William Marks. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and son-in-law, Juanita Kaye and Ken Smolinske of Kendallville and Patricia Faye Loos and her companion, Gary Pullis of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Patrick O'Hara and Karen Marks of Calhoun, Ga.; a brother, John O'Hara of London; a sister, Alice Barradell of Kent; three granddaughters, Brianne Loos of Kendallville and twins Caitlin and Catherine Hipskind of Auburn; three grandsons, Seth Smolinske of Kendallville, Thad Smolinske of Austrailia and Stan Loos III of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Brian O'Hara, and two sisters, Eileen Boatwright and Patricia McWilliams.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with family friend Father Leo Moenkedick officiating. Her ashes will be scattered in Lake Superior at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, Parkview Noble Hospice, Amnesty International or to the Lakoa Indian Reservations in North Dakota.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arthur Lock

CHURUBUSCO — Arthur A. Lock of Churubusco died at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Kenneth Perry

MERRIAM — Kenneth Perry, 76, of Merriam died at 3:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Perry

Mr. Perry had retired from Reith & Riley Construction and had owned a sawmill. He enjoyed spending time with his family, gardening and watching IU basketball games.

He was born May 30, 1927, in Clearfield, Ky., the son of Ora and Virgie (Peyton) Perry. He and his wife, Mable, were married on Oct. 5, 1946, in Clearfield. She died Dec. 14, 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Dennis Gaerte of Warsaw; a son, Danny Perry of Bullhead City, Ariz.; a sister, Lorene Smith of Mansfield, Ohio; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam with the Rev. George Cecil officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church.

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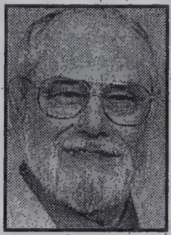
Arthur Lock

CHURUBUSCO — Arthur A. Lock, 69, of rural Churubusco in Noble County died at 8:07 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at the family residence in Green Township, Noble County. He had been in declining health since March.


Mr. Lock

Before retiring in 1996, Mr. Lock was employed at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 36 years. As a young man, he worked at several factories, including the former J.I. Case in Churubusco. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Ege. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, gardening and his family.

He was born April 21, 1934, in Churubusco to James E. and Goldie P. (Maggert) Lock. He married June M. Herbst on May 16, 1953, in Ege. The couple spent their 50 years of married life in and around Churubusco, and lived at their present home in Green Township since 1966. His wife survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Rebecca Kumfer of Avilla and Deborah and Thomas Knepper of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard A. and Lona Lock of Albion and Michael A. and Sharon Lock of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Norman E. "Gene" and Betty Lock of Albion; two sisters, Ada Van Deman and Helen Groves, both of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Theresa Lock; two brothers, Paul Lock and Norman "Lefty" Lock; an infant sister; and two grandchildren, Jason Kumfer and Lindsey Kumfer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege. Father Danney Pinto will officiate. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, with rosary service at 4 p.m.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Scott Abbs** were held Thursday at 11 a.m. at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville. The Rev. Dr. David Hogsett and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiated.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers were Joe Brinker, Matt Dazey, Kirk Duncan, Dustin Garrison, Kim Miller, Scott Miller and Don Manger.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Pauline E. Elkins** were held Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Pastor Gene Schwenk officiated.

Burial was in Fairfield Center Cemetery. Pallbearers were Mark Elkins, Greg Elkins, Raymond Kulpinski, Mike Kulpinski, Jim Wells and Jerry Seiler.

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C. Robert Helmer

KENDALLVILLE — C. Robert "Bob" Helmer, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at the Good Shepherd Hospice/Grace Health in Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. Helmer

Mr. Helmer was born in Kendallville on May 7, 1919, to Cyrus and Elizabeth (Baughman) Helmer.

He married Mary Donley on Aug. 2, 1941, in Washington, D.C. She survives in Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. Helmer served in the U.S. Army's 30th Engineer Topographic Battalion in North Africa and the Pacific Theater during World War II.

After the war, Mr. Helmer pursued studies in engineering and cartography at George Washington University and in management at Montgomery College. He continued to work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a cartographer, while he and Mary reared their two daughters.

In 1974, the Helmers moved to Kendallville, where Mr. Helmer joined the staff of Faith United Methodist Church as a parish visitor. He served as parish visitor for five years. During that time he developed a love of wood, art and low-relief sculpture and turned it into a second career.

Mr. Helmer's self-taught skills earned him numerous awards and much admiration wherever he showed his work.

In 1991, the Helmers moved to Lakeland, Fla., where Mr. Helmer's woodcarving and award winning continued.

In 2003, Mr. Helmer began a year-long battle against cancer. Throughout his treatment, he displayed great courage and dignity and was greatly admired by his doctors and nurses. He died peacefully in hospice.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Mary Titus of Swathmore, Pa., and Kay Spears of Lakeland, Fla.; a sister, Ruth Pontius of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Heather Spears of Lakeland, Fla.; and a great-grandson, David Houser of Lakeland, Fla.

Burial was private. The family plans a memorial service in Kendallville in early spring for family and friends.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Association or the Good Shepherd Hospice of Auburndale, Fla.

Condolences may be left online at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Clifford Crothers

AVILLA — Clifford F. Crothers, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at 1 p.m. at his residence in Avilla after a lengthy illness.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral home, Avilla Chapel.

Lela Stanner

LAGRANGE — Lela Leona (Hart) Stanner, 89, of LaGrange died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at her home, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born July 24, 1914, in LaGrange to Bert and Dora (Large) Hart.

She married Wilbur Stanner of Howe on Jan. 14, 1930, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Mrs. Stanner was a member of the Audubon Society and LaGrange Doll Club and served on the board of directors of the LaGrange County Historical Society.

She was an avid antique collector and a genealogist for not only her family, but others, whom she enjoyed helping. She loved to write poetry and wrote many poems to her children and grandchildren.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Jane Myers of Broomall, Pa., Bonnie Walker of Sturgis, Mich. and JoAnn and Sam Wickey of Shipshewana; one son and daughter-in-law, William and Nancy Stanner of Elkhart; nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her twin brother, Leland Hart, four other brothers, Orlo, Harlo, Larry and Lloyd Hart, and one sister, Marie Marks.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Calling will be at the funeral home two hours prior to the service.

Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Historical Society.

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Legion post co-founder dies

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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CLEVELAND, Ohio — One of the men who founded Orland American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland has died.

Allison "Allie" Stayner, 81, died on Jan. 29. He died at home, peacefully and surrounded by his family. He had been fighting cancer for some 10 years, said his son, Floyd.

Allie "will be remembered as a devoted family man and loyal friend, who lived a life of honesty, generosity and gratitude for the gifts he was given in this life," said a biography compiled by his family. "His family will cherish his love for vacations and good food, his ready wit and off-beat humor, passionate debates about fairness and justice in public life, his wise counsel, warm heart and mischievous grin. His grace and good humor remained with him to the end, and he passed away at home in the midst of the family that he loved."

Allie was born on Sept. 22, 1922, in Orland. Right after he graduated from high school, he joined the service, and served in the South Pacific during World War II.

Mr. Stayner

When he returned home after the war, he and his wife, Frances, were married. The couple settled in Orland, where they lived and worked on the family farm near Lake Gage.

"I think the Stayners had some of the first land claims in Steuben County," Floyd said thoughtfully. "The Stayners go way back in Orland."

It was there the couple raised their two sons, Floyd and David, and a daughter, Jane. This was also the time he started getting together with other veterans, and the Orland American Legion was established. For a time, Allie served as the commander of that post.

"He had a lot of great friends there at the Legion," Floyd said. "Of course now, a lot of them have passed on. They're at that age."

Allie also had a career in business that spanned five decades. He began his career at Douglas Manufacturing Co. in Bronson, Mich., and was transferred to Walnut Ridge, Ark. in 1971, where he was instrumental in the establishment of a new manufacturing plant.

After corporate mergers, he was moved to the Cleveland Wood Division of Scott & Fetzer in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1982. He remained there until his retirement in 1989.

When Allie took ill several years ago, Floyd said he continued on and tried to not let it get him down.

"He fought it right up till the end," he said with admiration. "He was driving a car right up until this past Thanksgiving."

Allison Stayner will be laid to rest at a later date at Jackson Prairie Cemetery in Steuben County.

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Herbert Duesler

LIGONIER — Herbert S. Duesler, 86, of Ligonier died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at 5 a.m. at his residence.

He was born May 18, 1917, at Diamond Lake in Noble County to Fred S. and Louisa K. (Growcock) Duesler.

He married Carolyn L. Schlemmer on Oct. 1, 1938, in Kimmell.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he worked as a self-employed electrician, contracting with REMC to help electrify Noble County. He wired the first house in rural Noble County in 1937.

Mr. Duesler was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

He was a member of the Sparta Church of Christ and West Noble American Legion Post 243. He crafted miniature furniture and was a member of Miniature Club in Elkhart County. He volunteered at the Ligonier Visitors Center and Radio Museum and enjoyed square dancing for many years with the 56 Square Dance Club.

He is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan W. and Barbara Duesler of Wakarusa; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane E. and George Campbell of Goshen; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Velma K. Mahnesmith of Elkhart and Helen R. and Roy Lohrei of Ligonier; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Art and Bob Duesler.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Lynn Bartling of Sparta Church of Christ officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery of Ligonier.

Memorials are to Salvation Army or Alzheimer's Association.

Quentin Miller

LIGONIER — Quentin B. Miller, 85, of Ligonier died at 4:35 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

He was born Dec. 2, 1918, in Ligonier to Milo and Katherine (Simpson) Miller.

He married M. Pauline Hitchell on July 29, 1945, in Ligonier. She preceded him in death on March 12, 1991.

Mr. Miller graduated from Ligonier High School, later serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was retired from his work as a foreman at Essex Wire.

Mr. Miller attended the Church of Christ, was a member of the AARP, the West Noble American Legion Post 243 and Elks Lodge 451. He enjoyed golf and sports on television.

He is survived by one brother, C.J. Miller of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eloise Arnold of Butler, Katherine Gangwer of Ligonier and Barbara Woods of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Miller, and three sisters, DeVonna Medsker, Marilyn Wright and Margaret Poyser.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Oak Park Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Soulliere officiating. Military rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be Monday from 3-7 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Legion.

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One hundred minus one

Mildred MacFayden was looking forward to 100th birthday

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — She almost became a centenarian.

But Mildred B. MacFayden died last week, just a little more than a month short of her 100th birthday, a milestone she would have celebrated on March 10.

"I think 'amazing' is one word that describes her," said Matt Friedlander, one of Mrs. MacFayden's 14 grandchildren. "She made everyone feel like they were the most important person in the world."

The Angola native lived in her own house at 505 W. Maumee St. in Angola until she passed away there on Feb. 1. She was surrounded by the things she loved — such as her collection of teddy bears and family photos.

Mrs. MacFayden was a woman who always wanted to be polite and well-mannered. So much so, her grandson, R.J. recalled in an article he wrote about his grandmother in 2002 that was published in Newsweek, that she refused to take part in anything she perceived as less than gracious.

Mrs. MacFayden

R.J., who lives in Barcelona, Spain, found that out when he tried to call her on her 85th birthday, only to spend a lot of time getting a busy signal because "Grandma Mac" refused to get call waiting.

"It's rude to the person you are talking with," she told R.J. when he suggested it might be something she would want to look into.

Mrs. MacFayden was born on a small farm in Angola on March 10, 1904, and that was where she lived for most of her life.

"She predates Albert Einstein's theory of relativity, the discovery of the magnetic North Pole and the invention of tea bags, not to mention plastics and airplanes," R.J. wrote.

Mrs. MacFayden was an educator. She was a first-grade teacher in the Angola school system for 34 years. The last place she taught was at Carlin Park Elementary.

She was also a college graduate at a time when many women didn't attend college at all. She was a Tri-State alumna, graduating in 1924.

Clifford Crothers

AVILLA — Clifford F. Crothers, 83, of Avilla died at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Crothers was a lifetime Avilla area resident and farmer.

Mr. Crothers

He enjoyed horse and tractor pulling, 4-H fairs and spending time with people.

He was born Jan. 13, 1921, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Fred and Hazel (Gruber) Crothers. On Jan. 1, 1941, in Churubusco, he married Pauline Gump. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Billie Lou and Bill Grant of LaGrange and Nancy and Lynn Rowe of Avilla; four sisters, Mary Jane Brand of Kendallville, Martha Ringler of Kendallville, Cleo Mark of Avilla and Patty Croy of Avilla; four grandchildren, Tyler Grant, Amy Grogg, Brent Grant and Kevin Rowe; and five great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Grogg, Jonah Grogg, Joshua Grogg, Jacob Grant and Alex Grant.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King, the Rev. Barbara Cross and the Rev. Tyler Grant officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Robert Litton

ANDERSON — Robert "Bob" E. Litton, 73, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie following an extended illness.

A native of Albion, he was an electrician with Delco Remy Division of General Motors, retiring in 1994 after 38 years employment.

Mr. Litton was a member of UAW Local 662 and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict, in which he was a prisoner of war and received the Purple Heart.

Surviving are his wife, Julie K. (Taylor) Litton; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Donald and Goldie Litton of Auburn, Billy and Bobbie Litton and Shirl and Sandy Litton, all of Fort Wayne, and Gene and Nancy Litton of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Roy E. and Eleanor (Budd) Litton.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Robert D. Loose Funeral Home and Crematory South Chapel, Anderson, with the Rev. Eric Fox officiating. Burial with military rites will be at East Maplewood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Donald Forker

KENDALLVILLE — Donald L. Forker, 88, of Kendallville died at 7:50 p.m. Saturday at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dan Baldridge

LAGRANGE — Dan Baldridge, 38, of LaGrange died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, in a traffic accident in Elkhart County.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Ruby Oswalt

FORT WAYNE — Ruby E. (Hawk) Oswalt, 85, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Oswalt was born Oct. 9, 1918, in Columbia City and was a member of Sherman Street Church of God.

Surviving are two daughters, Carole Huntine of Rome City and Patricia Gordy of Fort Wayne; a son, Jack Emrick of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Jerry Oswalt of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Charles L. Oswalt of Jacksonville, Fla.; four sisters, Helen Stovall of Fort Wayne, Violet Hill of Fort Wayne, June Cool of Angola, and Fern Wolf of Eaton Rapids, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Oswalt; a stepdaughter, Sherri Barhydt; and a brother, Rosco Hawk.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Cancer Society.

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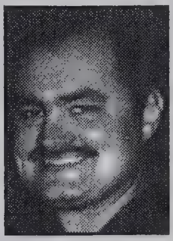
Danny Baldridge

LAGRANGE — Danny R. Baldridge, 38, of LaGrange died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, in a traffic accident in Elkhart County near Millersburg.

Mr. Baldridge was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a member of the First Church of God in LaGrange. He was an assistant football coach at Lakeland High School and a coach with the Little Laker Football League.


Mr. Baldridge

He was a group leader at Supreme Corp. in Goshen.

He was born Nov. 19, 1965, in LaGrange to Elliott and Dovie (Howard) Baldridge. They survive in LaGrange. On Nov. 7, 1987, in LaGrange, he married Debbie D. Lantz. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two sons, Derek and Dakotah Baldridge, both at home; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Rosie Lee and Kevin Crody of Angola and Patricia G. Baldridge-Gose of LaGrange; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Rhonda Baldridge of Coldwater, Mich., and Harold E. and Mary Baldridge of Burr Oak, Mich.; his father-in-law, Robert Lantz of Nappanee; his mother-in-law and her husband, Mary and Charles Burhenn of LaGrange; a sister-in-law and her husband, Kim and James Moran of Topeka; a special niece, Cassie Baldridge; several other nieces; and several nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill and Roberta Baldridge and Harland and Rosatta Howard; and a niece, Jessica Baldridge.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at First Church of God in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol, the Rev. Chris Denney and the Rev. Mark Denney officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to First Church of God or the Lakeland Athletic Boosters.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **James E. Groll** were held at 3 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Burial was in Hopewell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jay Whan, Steve Lehman, Cliff Hannon, Fred Wakeman, John Wakeman and Clark Wakeman.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Lucy Jackson** were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Jacob Gall officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bruce Parsley, Brian Parsley, Bradley Parsley, Raul Jimenez, Brandon Speaker and Kyle Speaker.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Martha Sipe

LAGRANGE — Martha M. Sipe, 87, of LaGrange died at 12:55 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mrs. Sipe taught school for more than 30 years in the Fairmount, Marion and Lima public school systems. She retired from Jones Junior High School in Marion in 1978.

She graduated from Ball State University in 1937 and received her master's degree from Butler University. She was involved with the Grant-Blackford Developmental Parent Group; Eastern Area Hospital Auxiliary, Delta Kappa Gamma and was past president of the Marion General Hospital Auxiliary. A Quaker, she was a lifelong member of Bethel Friends Church in Jonesboro.

Mrs. Sipe was born Dec. 12, 1916, in Liberty Township to Raymond and Marie (Kelly) Carter.

Her husband, John L. Sipe, preceded her in death in 1967.

Surviving are a son, John C. Sipe of Converse; a daughter, Nancy Lynn Sipe of Howe; a sister, Mary Edgerton of Indianapolis; two grandchildren and their spouses, Christian John and Stacie Coder of Chattanooga, Tenn., and Kimberly and Max Brunt of Porter; and two great-grandchildren, Carter and Grant Brunt of Porter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bethel Friends Church, 1419 W. C.R. 600S, Jonesboro, with the Rev. Norman Carter officiating. Burial will be in Elm Ridge Cemetery in Converse.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. today at Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, Storey Chapel, 400 E. Main St., Gas City, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

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Donald Forker

KENDALLVILLE — Donald L. Forker, 88, of Kendallville died at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso.

Mr. Forker was a lifetime Noble County resident and retired in 1984 as a truck driver with Hudson Trucking after 22 years of service.

He was born June 29, 1915, in Noble County to Fred and Mary (Butler) Forker. On Feb. 5, 1938, in Howe, he married Mabel Marie Shultz. She died Aug. 3, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandi and Jerry Lee of Evansville, Donna and Walt Domer of Kendallville and Paula and Kevin Hartman of Valparaiso; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Roger and Carol Forker of Kendallville and Douglas Forker and his companion Fred Nicely of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, Olan Dean Forker of Ithaca, N.Y.; a sister, Helen Strater of Michigan; eight grandchildren, Tammy Somerset, Steve Lee, Walt Domer Jr., Jeff Ryan Forker, Scott Forker, Shaun Hartman, Josh Hartman and Christa Hartman; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a brother and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Kevin Hartman officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Elmer Smith

SYRACUSE — Elmer Joseph Smith, 82, of Syracuse died at 11:38 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Smith had retired after 30 years of service with Monsanto in Ligonier as plant manager in quality control. He and his wife had lived in Syracuse since the mid-1950s and wintered in Ocala.

He was a member of St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church in Syracuse and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Ligonier Rotary Club.

He was born Feb. 24, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio, to George and Anna (Barnack) Smith. On May 2, 1988, he married Marilyn Heinlen. She survives.

Also surviving are four stepdaughters, Jeanice Littlefield of Lakewood, Ohio, Julie Keller of Fort Wayne, Janis Frick of Fort Wayne, and Sandra Deibele of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Robert and Judy White of Cleveland, Jack and Kathy White of Cleveland, and Stephen Deibele of Naples, Fla., a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Barb Smith of Billerica, Mass.; 17 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church with the Rev. Terry Place officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett with military services by American Legion Post 223 of Syracuse.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse with a rosary at 4 p.m.

Memorial are to the American Heart Association.

Brian Powell

CHURUBUSCO — Brian Powell, 23, of Churubusco died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at his home.

Among his survivors are his parents, Gregory J. and Vickie (Sunderland) Powell of Churubusco; and a brother, Brent Powell of Churubusco.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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FEBRUARY 11 2004

Jessie Kilburn

KENDALLVILLE — Jessie Kilburn, 63, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at Parkview Hospital North in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kilburn was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He had retired from the Army with a medical discharge. He had received a heart transplant 14 years ago.

He was born Aug. 23, 1940, in Floyd County, Ky., to William and Flora (Tackett) Kilburn. On Jan. 19, 1960, in Brimfield, he married Judy Guthrie. She died Nov. 30, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Theresa Messer and her companion Tim Gilpin of Kendallville, Tasha Kilburn of Kendallville, and Thea and Jonathan Rupnow of Kendallville; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Steve and Rita Kilburn of Kendallville, Shawn and Heidi Kilburn of Kendallville, Sean and Lenore Kilburn of Helmer and Seth Kilburn of Kendallville; a brother, Michael Kilburn of Elizabethtown, Ky.; four sisters, Annetta Hicks of Wawaka, Marcella Shepherd of Brimfield, Caroline Caudill of Cromwell, and Mabel Hicks of Topeka; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Edward Yoder

TOPEKA — Edward J. Yoder, 94, of Topeka died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, at the home of his son, John.

Mr. Yoder was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and had been a farmer. He was a deacon in the Old Order Amish Church for more than 55 years.

He was born Oct. 12, 1909, in LaGrange County to Joseph and Amanda (Sunthimer) Yoder. On Jan. 13, 1938, in LaGrange County, he married Edna J. Schrock. She died May 15, 1975.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Esther and John Herschberger of Topeka; two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Esther Yoder of Shipshewana and Elmer and Alice Yoder of Millersburg; 22 grandchildren; 79 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Mahlon Yoder; twin daughters, Amanda and Amelia Yoder; a great-grandson; five sisters; two brothers; and four stepbrothers.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the home of his son, John Yoder, at 2270 S. C.R. 1000W, Shipshewana with Bishop Vernon Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Sunthimer Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be after noon Thursday and all day Friday at his home.

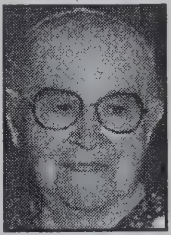
Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Miller

LAGRANGE — Mary V. Miller, 95, of LaGrange died at 7:45 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a charter member of Plato Mennonite Church. She had moved to LaGrange in 1950 from Plain City, Ohio.

She was born Oct. 30, 1908, in Bucklin Ford, Kan., to Christian C. and Mary (Yoder) Borntrager. On Aug. 29, 1926, in Plain City, she married Pete V. Miller. He died Aug. 24, 1996.



Mrs. Miller

Surviving are six daughters and four sons-in-law, Sarah and Jake Wengard of Sarasota, Fla., Betty and John Hershberger of White Cloud, Mich., Mary Setty of Goshen, Edna Mae Malott of LaGrange, Katie and Darrell Ott of Goshen and Odessa and Ray Miller of Shipshewana; three sons and daughters-in-law, LeRoy and Phyllis Miller of LaGrange, Paul and Mary Miller of Houston, Texas, and Lloyd and Judy Miller of Bristol; a sister, Lydia Stutzman of Topeka; 29 grandchildren; 65 great-grandchildren; and 26 great-great-grandchildren.

Two sisters and 3 brothers preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Richard Martin officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ, P.O. Box 424, Auburn, IN 46706.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Brian Powell

CHURUBUSCO — Brian R. Powell, 24, of Churubusco died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Powell had been employed at Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

Mr. Powell

He was a 1998 graduate of Churubusco High School where he was active in the wrestling program.

He was born May 18, 1979, in Fort Wayne to Gregory J. and Vickie (Sunderland) Powell of Churubusco. They survive in Churubusco.

Also surviving are a brother, Brent Powell of Churubusco; a niece, Jocelynn Powell of Churubusco; and his grandparents, Carol and Max Budd of Fort Wayne and Robert and Heidi Powell of El Cajon, Calif.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Christopher J. Powell on Aug. 30, 1995.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs from Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be after noon Thursday until the hour of the service.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center Inc. in Fort Wayne or to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Carol Stultz

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — Carol Lou Stultz, 71, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, in Buckeye, Ariz., where she had been living with her daughter.

Mrs. Stultz was a homemaker and a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ.

She was born Jan. 30, 1933, in Steuben County to Carlton and Jeanette Aldrich.

On Aug. 11, 1951, she married Carlos Ray Stultz. He survives in Buckeye.

Also surviving are a daughter, Charlene Miron of Buckeye; two sons, Kevin of Hamilton and Dennis of Weems, Va.; three sisters, Mina Palmer of Auburn, Ann Kline of Auburn and Lois of Butler; three brothers, Amos Lynn of Hamilton, Bruce of Hamilton and Wayne of Angola; a granddaughter, Laurie White of Higganum, Conn.; and a grandson, Jarrett Hulbert of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and five sisters.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with David Payne officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Church of Christ.

Lucille Kelly

FORT WAYNE — Lucille V. Kelly, 90, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at her home.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Catholic Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Glenda and Jack Cunningham of Fort Wayne and Barbara and Duane Mason Sr. of Hudson; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Grace Kelly of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Naomi Adkison of Avilla and Joan Murphy of Arizona; a brother, Larry Detweiler of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Glenn B. Kelly in 1979; a grandson, Darren Lee Mason; three sisters and two brothers.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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Lavina Knostman

WATERLOO — Lavina Knostman, 98, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at her granddaughter's house in Avilla.

She raised three sons and one daughter and anyone else who needed something to eat or a place to sleep. Vinny, or Grandma, as she was known, was known as a very giving person.

Mrs. Knostman

Her son, Roger Lewis of Battle Creek, Mich., and daughter, Ivadell Dirrim of Waterloo, survive.

Two sons, Lenny Lewis and Dick Lewis, preceded her in death.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, 17 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo. Visitation will be 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery. Preferred memorials may be directed to Pythian Sisters, Hamilton.

Russell Alleshouse

LAGRANGE — Russell I. Alleshouse, 94, of Angola, died Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He worked as a meat processor, dairyman and real estate agent.

He was born June 28, 1909, in Steuben County to Carl and Fanny (Courtright) Alleshouse. On May 21, 1932, he married Mabel Kiles in Steuben County, and she preceded him in death on Dec. 21, 1999. A sister, Wava Boots, is also deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Byrdena Boots of Angola; two brothers, Dale Alleshouse of Angola and Donald Alleshouse of Colorado; and 18 nieces and nephews.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Howard G. Compton officiating. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery. Memorials are to the Flint Cemetery Association.

David Tussey

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. — David L. Tussey, 54, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at his home.

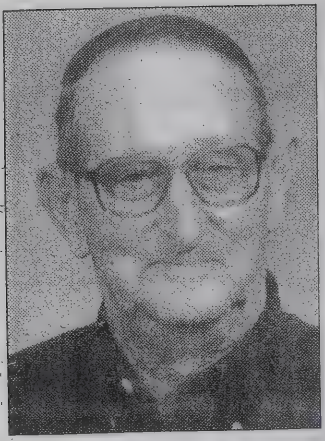
Mr. Tussey was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Germany during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed reading, history and music.

He was born in Garrett, Ky., to Iseral and Naomi (Sexton) Tussey. They preceded him in death.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Marlene Ressler Tussey of Lebanon, Pa.; a daughter and son-in-law, Cari and Brock Daub of Lebanon; and two brothers, Ivan Tussey of Kendallville and Bill Tussey of Hueysville, Ky.

A memorial service will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Miller Funeral Home, 130 N. Market St., Elizabethtown, Pa.

Calling will be from 1:30 p.m. until the time of the service Thursday.



Kenneth Perry

MERRIAM – Kenneth Perry, age 76, of Merriam died Monday, February 2, 2004, at his residence.

He was born May 30, 1927, in Clearfield, KY to Ora Perry and Virgie Peyton Perry.

He married Mable C. Perry on October 5, 1946, in Clearfield, KY. She preceded him in death on December 14, 2001.

He was retired from Reith & Riley Construction.

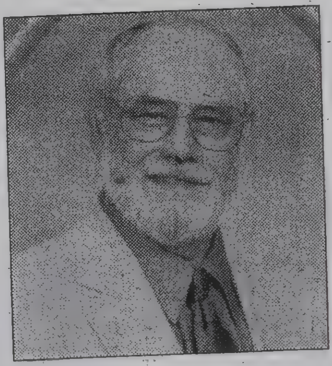
He owned a sawmill and enjoyed his family, IU basketball and gardening.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Dennis Gaerte of Warsaw; a son, Danny Perry of Bullhead City, AZ; a sister, Lorene Smith of Mansfield, OH; seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and a brother, Otis Perry.

Services were held Monday, February 9, 2004, at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, with Pastor George Cecil officiating. Burial followed in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials are to Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, Albion.



Arthur Lock

CHURUBUSCO – Arthur A. Lock, 69, of rural Churubusco in Noble County died Thursday, February 5, 2004, at the family residence in Green Township, Noble County. He had been in declining health since March.

Before retiring in 1996, Mr. Lock was employed at Dana Corporation in Fort Wayne for 36 years. As a young man, he worked at several factories, including the former J.I. Case in Churubusco. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Ege. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, traveling, gardening and his family.

He was born April 21, 1934, in Churubusco to James E. and Goldie P. (Maggert) Lock. He married June M. Herbst on May 16, 1953, in Ege. The couple spent their 50 years of married life in and around Churubusco, and lived at their present home in Green Township since 1966.

Mr. Lock is survived by his wife, June; two daughters and a son-in-law, Rebecca Kumfer of Avilla and Deborah and Thomas Knepper of Fremont; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard A. and Lona Lock of Albion and Michael A. and Sharon Lock of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Norman E. "Gene" and Betty Lock of Albion; two sisters, Ada Van Deman and Helen Groves, both of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Theresa Lock; two brothers, Paul Lock and Norman "Lefty" Lock; an infant sister; and two grandchildren, Jason Kumfer and Lindsey Kumfer.

Services were held Monday, February 9, 2004, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial was in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice, Fort Wayne.

Clifford Crothers

AVILLA – Clifford F. Crothers, 83, died Saturday, February 7, 2004, at his residence.

A lifetime Avilla area resident, he was born January 13, 1921, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Fred and Hazel (Graber) Crothers.

On January 1, 1941, he married Pauline Gump in Churubusco.

Mr. Crothers enjoyed horse and tractor pulling, 4-H fairs and loved people.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Billie Lou and Bill Grant of LaGrange and Nancy and Lynn Rowe of Avilla; four grandchildren, Tyler Grant, Amy Grogg, Brent Grant, and Kevin Rowe; five great-grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jonah, Joshua Grogg, Jacob, Alex Grant; four sisters, Mary Jane Brand and Martha Ringler, both of Kendallville, Cleo Mark and Patty Croy, both of Avilla.

Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 12, 2004, at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with Rev. Dr. Leonard King, Rev. Barbara Cross, and Rev. Tyler Grant officiating.

Visitation is 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel. Also one hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday.

Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery, Avilla.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice Services.

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Donald Forker

KENDALLVILLE – Donald L. Forker, 88, of Kendallville, died at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Porter Memorial Hospital in Valparaiso.

Mr Forker was a lifetime Noble County resident and retired in 1984 as a truck driver with Hudson Trucking after 22 years of service.

He was born June 29, 1915, in Noble County to Fred and Mary (Butler) Forker. On Feb. 5, 1938, in Howe, he married Mabel Marie Shultz. She died Aug. 3, 1997.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sandi and Jerry Lee of Evansville, Donna and Walt Domer of Kendallville and Paula and Kevin Hartman of Valparaiso; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Roger and Carol Forker of Kendallville and Douglas Forker and his companion Fred Nicely of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, Olan Dean Forker of Ithaca, N.Y.; a sister, Helen Strater of Michigan; eight grandchildren, Tammy Somerset, Steve Lee, Walt Donner Jr., Jeff Ryan Forker, Scott Forker, Shaun Hartman, Josh Hartman and Christa Hartman; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Kevin Hartman officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling was from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to the American Cancer Society.

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Mary Knepp

LAGRANGE — Mary W. Knepp, 77, of LaGrange died at 10:55 p.m. Wednesday at LaGrange Community Hospital where she had been a patient since Monday.

Mrs. Knepp was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Sept. 30, 1926, in LaGrange County to William A. and Ada (Schrock) Lambright. On Nov. 7, 1946, in Topeka, she married Chris J. Knepp. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Ada Mae and Wilbur Fry and Edna Ellen and Stanley Miller, all of Topeka, and Anna Marie and Daniel Eash of LaGrange; six sons and four daughters-in-law, John and Katie Knepp of Topeka, Enos and Mary Anna Knepp of Millersburg, and William and Edith Knepp, Orva Knepp, Christy Jr. and Irma Knepp, and Melvin Knepp, all of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Edna Borkholder of Topeka and Rosa and Monroe Hochstetler of Middlebury; a brother, Orva Lambright of Goshen; a sister-in-law, Ann Lambright of Topeka; 31 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Ervin Lambright, Melvin Lambright and William Lambright Jr., and two great-granddaughters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the family home at 1305 S. C.R. 375W, LaGrange, with Bishop Delbert Mast and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family home.

Miller-Stweart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Clarence Ballman

KENDALLVILLE — Clarence Lee Ballman, 63, of Kendallville, died Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Born in Jackson County, he retired from Rosewater Inc. in 2001 after 20 years of service. He enjoyed going to the park and listening to music.

Survivors include a brother, Howard Smith of Bloomington; and an aunt, Lorraine Martin.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister.

A memorial service will take place Monday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Cadynce Holbrook

ROME CITY — Cadynce Lee Melissa Holbrook, 4 weeks old, died Feb. 10, 2004, at St. Vincent's Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Surviving are her parents, Shaun and Jessica Holbrook of Rome City; two brothers, Camryn Holbrook of Rome City and Joshua Dooley of Roanoke, Va.; grandparents, Johnny and Tammy Powers of Berwind, W.Va., James and Jill Lemmon of Fort Wayne, and Jennifer Lynn of Rome City; great-grandparents, Chic and Barbara Lynn of Rome City, Nellie Powers of Warriormines, W.Va., Bill and Joyce Lemmon of Orlando, Fla., Jack and Linda Neidrauer of Fort Wayne; great-great-grandparents, Edith Pressler of Indianapolis and Jack Lemmon of Orlando; aunts, Brittany and Courtney Belcher and Madison Lemmon, all of Fort Wayne, DeShara Powers of Berwind, Amanda Powers of Rome City, and her namesake, Sylvia Lee Melissa Richardson of Princeton, W.Va.; and uncles, Johnny Powers and Nathan Lynn of Rome City and Jamie Richardson of Princeton, W.Va.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at FaithFinders Church in Constantine, Mich., with Pastors John and Rita Austin officiating.

A celebration of life services is at 7 tonight and family calling is at 5 p.m.

Donations for memorials and medical expenses may be sent to Pastor Rita Austin, 225 W. Second St., Constantine, MI 49042.

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FEBRUARY 12 2004

Frank Kirkpatrick

CHURUBUSCO — Frank Kirkpatrick, 79, of Churubusco died at 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004, at the Veterans Hospital in Marion.

Mr. Kirkpatrick

Mr. Kirkpatrick was a highly decorated World War II Army veteran and a member of VFW Post 3846 and Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157. He retired in 1984 as owner of Kirkpatrick Body Shop. He enjoyed horseshoe pitching.

He was born May 1, 1924, in Noble County to Earl and Florence (Rodhine) Kirkpatrick. On June 14, 1946, in Columbia City, he married Alice Powell. She died Jan. 24, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and James Maggart of LaOtto, Sharon and Mike Geiger of Columbia City and Mary and Tom Bangs of Churubusco; three sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Bonnie Kirkpatrick of Turlock, Calif., Harold Kirkpatrick of Churubusco and William Kirkpatrick of Churubusco; three brothers, Charles Kirkpatrick, Robert Kirkpatrick and George Kirkpatrick, all of Albion; 22 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Donald Kirkpatrick, in 1986; two brothers, Edward Kirkpatrick and John Kirkpatrick; two sisters, Edna Bixby and Mary Herendeen; and a grandson, Andrew Maggart.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

ADVANCED LEADER LIGONIER, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 12 2004

Services are Monday for Elmer Smith

SYRACUSE — Elmer Joseph Smith, 82, of Syracuse died at 11:38 p.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla.

Mr. Smith had retired after 30 years of service with Monsanto in Ligonier as plant manager in quality control. He and his wife had lived in Syracuse since the mid-1950s and wintered in Ocala.

He was a member of St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church in Syracuse and was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II. He was named a Paul Harris Fellow by the Ligonier Rotary Club.

He was born Feb. 24, 1921, in Cleveland, Ohio, to George and Anna (Barnack) Smith. On May 2, 1988, he married Marilyn Heinlen. She survives.

Also surviving are four stepdaughters, Jeanice Littlefield of Lakewood, Ohio, Julie Keller of Fort Wayne, Janis Frick of Fort Wayne, and Sandra Deibele of Fort Wayne; three stepsons, Robert and Judy White of Cleveland, Jack and Kathy White of Cleveland, and Stephen Deibele of Naples, Fla.; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Barb Smith of Billerica, Mass.; 17 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, George Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church with the Rev. Terry Place officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett with military services by American Legion Post 223 of Syracuse.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home Harris Chapel in Syracuse with a rosary at 4 p.m.

Memorial are to the American Heart Association.

Quentin Miller

LIGONIER — Quentin B. Miller, 85, of Ligonier died at 4:35 a.m. Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

He was born Dec. 2, 1918, in Ligonier to Milo and Katherine (Simpson) Miller.

He married M. Pauline Hitchell on July 29, 1945, in Ligonier. She preceded him in death on March 12, 1991.

Mr. Miller graduated from Ligonier High School, later serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was retired from his work as a foreman at Essex Wire.

Mr. Miller attended the Church of Christ, was a member of the AARP, the West Noble American Legion Post 243 and Elks Lodge 451. He enjoyed golf and sports on television.

He is survived by one brother, C.J. Miller of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eloise Arnold of Butler, Katherine Gangwer of Ligonier and Barbara Woods of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Bob Miller, and three sisters, DeVonna Medsker, Marilyn Wright and Margaret Poyser.

Services were Tuesday in Oak Park Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Soulliere officiating. Military rites were conducted by American Legion Post 243.

Memorials are to the American Legion.

Herbert Duesler

LIGONIER — Herbert S. Duesler, 86, of Ligonier died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at 5 a.m. at his residence.

He was born May 18, 1917, at Diamond Lake in Noble County to Fred S. and Louisa K. (Growcock) Duesler.

He married Carolyn L. Schlemmer on Oct. 1, 1938, in Kimmell.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, he worked as a self-employed electrician, contracting with REMC to help electrify Noble County. He wired the first house in rural Noble County in 1937.

Mr. Duesler was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving at the Battle of the Bulge during World War II.

He was a member of the Sparta Church of Christ and West Noble American Legion Post 243. He crafted miniature furniture and was a member of Miniature Club in Elkhart County. He volunteered at the Ligonier Visitors Center and Radio Museum and enjoyed square dancing for many years with the 56 Square Dance Club.

He is survived by his wife; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan W. and Barbara Duesler of Wakarusa; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane E. and George Campbell of Goshen; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Velma K. Mahnesmith of Elkhart and Helen R. and Roy Lohrei of Ligonier; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Art and Bob Duesler.

Services were Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Lynn Bartling of Sparta Church of Christ officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery of Ligonier.

Memorials are to Salvation Army or Alzheimer's Association.

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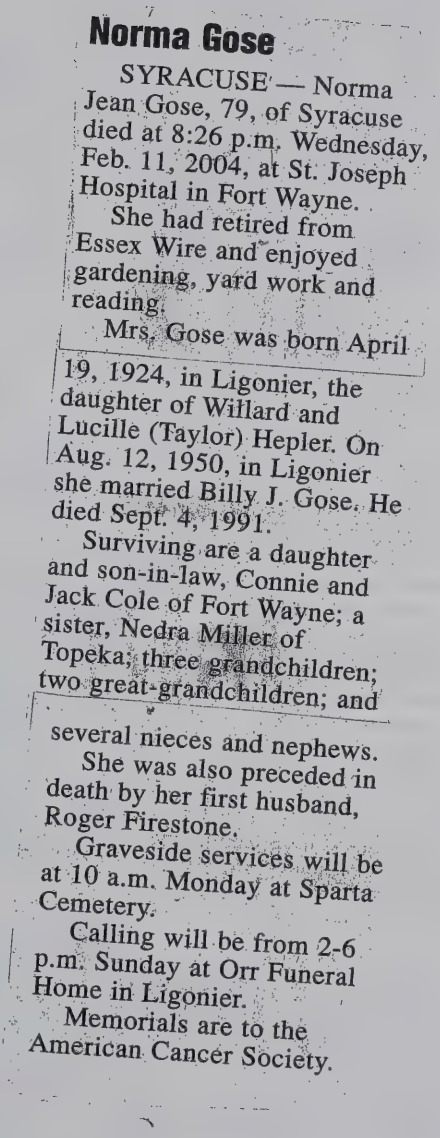

Norma Gose

SYRACUSE — Norma Jean Gose, 79, of Syracuse died at 8:26 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had retired from Essex Wire and enjoyed gardening, yard work and reading.

Mrs. Gose was born April 19, 1924, in Ligonier, the daughter of Willard and Lucille (Taylor) Hepler. On Aug. 12, 1950, in Ligonier she married Billy J. Gose. He died Sept. 4, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Jack Cole of Fort Wayne; a sister, Nedra Miller of Topeka; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Roger Firestone.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Angeline Riehm

KENDALLVILLE — Angeline B. "Angie" Riehm, 89, died at 5:10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

David Chaney

LIGONIER — David E. Chaney, 69, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at his home in Ligonier.

He had retired as a crib attendant in the tool department at Silgan Plastics, Ligonier, and after retirement was a greeter at Wal-Mart.

Mr. Chaney was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Willowdale Avenue Church of Christ in Elkhart. He enjoyed working on mechanical projects.

He was born Oct. 2, 1934, in Kendallville to George E. and Buelah M. (Moore) Chaney.

On Oct. 5, 1957, he married Martha McElveen in Louisa, Va.

Surviving are his wife; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Don Chaney of Ligonier and John and Missy Chaney of Norway, Mich.; and grandchildren Joshua and Amber Chaney.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Charles Chaney; and a sister, Esther Merriam.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Ray Caudill officiating. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Lewis McCartney

GARRETT — Lewis A. "Louie" McCartney, 76, of Garrett died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at 9:47 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor nursing home.

Mr. McCartney had resided in Garrett for four years. He worked at B.F. Goodrich, where he weighed rubber, for 10 years before retiring in the early 1980s. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was born Sept. 3, 1927, in Waynedale to Harry and Esther (Rehm) McCartney. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Alice Mae Springer on July 14, 1952. She also preceded him in death.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Tammy McCartney of Avilla, Mark and Sheryl McCartney, also of Avilla, and Lewis "Andy" McCartney Jr. and Becky McCartney of Conway, Ark; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry and Doyle Marten of Fremont, Linda and Ed Ransbottom of Newville and Sharon McCartney of Arizona; 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Tim Marten.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr. will officiate. Burial will be in Embrey Cemetery.

Calling is Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home to assist the family with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Patty Caldwell was a 'happy worker'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Patty Caldwell was born with a disability, but she became a happy, contented, self-sufficient woman.

"Patty was one of our clients who worked on our shop floor on many projects," said Joyce Hevel, RISE Inc. executive director. "She was very capable with her hands. She could do just about any job she was asked to."

Patricia Ann "Patty" Caldwell, 47, of Angola, died Feb. 3 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born July 2, 1956, in Angola. She had Down Syndrome, and Hevel said she believes Patty was living in a group home before she died.

She was a client at RISE's Sheltered Workshop for many years — so many, in fact, that Hevel can't recall for sure how long she knew Patty.

"We go back years and years and years," Hevel said. "She wasn't one of our originals in the workshop, but she was close."

Patty rarely complained, Hevel said, and was usually agreeable and cooperative.

"She was a happy worker," Hevel said with a smile in her voice. "The thing about people with Down Syndrome is that they have such a beautiful outlook on life. They like you and they let you know it."

But if Patty wasn't pleased with an assignment or with a person, she was not shy about saying so, Hevel said.

"If she didn't like a job or she was upset with me, she'd tell me," Hevel said. "You always knew where you stood with Patty."

Patty attended Angola Assembly of God, and enjoyed participating in the Special Olympics for many years.

Hevel had been ill and off work for a while when she heard of Patty's passing.

"I felt so bad," she said with a sad sigh. "She hadn't been here for a while because of ill health."

Hevel said Patty left an impression on her that will last a lifetime.

"You're not supposed to have favorites," she said. "But Patty ... she was really special."

Randy Paxson

HAMILTON — Randy J. Paxson, 45, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his home.

He was a brick mason for over 20 years. He was a 1977 graduate of Prairie Heights High School and a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He lived in Hamilton for eight years after moving from Angola.

He was born in Bluffton on July 10, 1958, to Wayne and Sandra (Shaffer) Paxson. They survive.

Surviving are a daughter, Holly Paxson of Bowling Green, Ohio; two sons, Danny Paxson of Columbus, Ohio, and Amy Paxson of Paulding, Ohio; his companion, Deb Morin of Hamilton; two brothers, Chris and Mike Paxson, both of LaGrange; three sisters, Shari Moriarty of Angola, Deb Paxson and Lisa Allphin, both of Fort Wayne; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Jane Ream officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to include additional information.*

Lewis McCartney

GARRETT — Lewis A. "Louie" McCartney, 76, of Garrett, died at 9:47 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

A resident of Garrett for four years, he retired from B.F. Goodrich in the early 1980s. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. McCartney was born Sept. 3, 1927, in Waynedale to Harry and Esther (Rehm) McCartney. On July 14, 1952, he married Alice Mae Springer.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Tammy McCartney of Avilla, Mark and Sheryl McCartney of Avilla, and Lewis "Andy" and Becky McCartney Jr. of Conway, Ark.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry and Doyle Marten of Fremont, Linda and Ed Ransbottom of Newville and Sharon McCartney of Arizona; 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife and a grandson, Tim Marten.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Thomas Funeral Home 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry Jr., officiating. Burial will be at the new Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Burial is in the Calvary Cemetery in Garrett.

Memorials are to the Thomas Funeral Home to assist the family with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Harry Whetzel

KENDALLVILLE — Harry Joseph Whetzel, 89, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Whetzel lived most of his life in Wolcottville and the last six years in Kendallville. He was an avid card player and loved to fish. He was a farmer.

He was born Jan. 25, 1915, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Samuel and Bertha (Good) Whetzel.

He married Bernadine Bailey in July 1933 in Albion. She preceded him in death on Nov. 4, 1993.

He then married Alice Cook on Aug. 1, 2003. She survives in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rosemary and Glenn Baker of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and LaDonna Whetzel, Richard and Janice Whetzel, and Rex Whetzel, all of Wolcottville; four stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Edward Wisel of Fort Wayne, Ernest and Lori Cook of Fort Wayne, Steven Cook of Howe, and Shawn and Judy Cook of Ligonier; 13 grandchildren, 6 stepgrandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 stepgreat-grandchild, and a sister, Amy Barker of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Whetzel, and a sister, Ruth Whetzel.

There will be no visitation. Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Burial will be in the Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Arrangements were made by the Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Neil Dunkelberger

ANGOLA — Neil E. Dunkelberger, 81, of Angola, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004.

He was an aeronautical engineer and owned Universal Parts Co. in Chicago for 19 years and Bendex Missile Corp. in Mishawaka. He was an Army veteran of World War II and also a member of Hudson United Methodist Church and the Orland American Legion Post 243.

He was born in Spring City, Pa., on Sept. 14, 1922, to Lester and Maude (Gotshall) Dunkelberger.

He married Roberta J. Smathers on March 21, 1943. She preceded him in death on Feb. 28, 1985.

He then married Dorothy Smathers on Oct. 6, 1985. She survives.

Survivors also include a daughter and son-in-law, Cheri and Steven Pierson of Wheaton, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Suzanne Dunkelberger of South Bend; three stepsons and their spouses, Dale and Sylvia Smathers of Hudson, Lynn and Deb Smathers of Hudson, and Philip and Belinda Smathers of Kinderhook, Mich; a brother, Bill and Lara Dunkleberger of Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Hudson United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Calling is at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson on Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Tri-State University or Suzanne B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

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Diana Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Diana Carter, 83, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at her residence in Kendallville.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1938 as salutatorian of her class. Along with her husband, she owned and operated Carter's Small Business and Tax Service in Kendallville from 1947 until 2003. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and belonged to the Canasta Card Club.

Mrs. Carter

She was born in South Milford on Aug. 23, 1920, to Oliver and Madge (Milbourn) Fish.

She married Robert E. Carter on Sept. 3, 1943, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on May 16, 1987.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Catherine Carter of South Hadley, Mass.; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Frank Sikorski of Kendallville; a granddaughter and her husband, Catie and Jerimie Bartley of Xenia, Ohio; a great-granddaughter, Emma Bartley of Xenia; three nieces, Jan McKee, Jaci Gordon and Joellen Wells; and six nephews, David Carter, Colin Carter, Jeffrey Fish, Anthony Fish, Christopher Fish and Daniel Fish.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Oliver Dean Fish.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Stan Kessler from First Presbyterian Church.

Calling will be Monday from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society in Kendallville.

Angeline Riehm

KENDALLVILLE — Angeline "Angie" Bower Riehm, 89, of Kendallville, died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

She was a lifetime resident of the area. She was a graduate of Indiana University and was a realtor and school teacher. She served on the East Noble School board and was a member of Delta Gamma sorority, Indiana Association of Realtors and Kendallville Elks Lodge.

Mrs. Riehm

She was born Oct. 31, 1914, to Dr. Arthur James and Minnie (Aichele) Bower in Kendallville.

She married Robert B. Riehm on Oct. 5, 1940, in Kendallville. He survives.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Barbara and Robert Riehm Jr. of Vancouver, Wash., James and Dixie Riehm of Raleigh, N.C., Thomas and Paula Riehm of New Haven, and Richard and Marcia Riehm of Atlanta; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett of Trinity Church United Methodist officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial is in the Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis IN 46219.

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John Williams

ALBION — John Williams, 92, of Williams Lake, near Albion, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center following a short stay there.

Mr. Williams came to America with his parents when he was 2 years old. He was a truck driver all of his working years and was employed with Gateway Transportation in Kendallville before retiring in 1974.

He was born in Northumberland, England, on May 14, 1911, to William and Emma (Nicholson) Williams.

He married Bonnie Eileen Gusin on Oct. 27, 1973, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Surviving are a three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jack and Jane Williams of Phoenix, Richard Williams of Montezuma, Ind., and Gary and Cathy Williams of Orland; two daughters and a son-in-law, Vivian Sarkisian of Phoenix and Carol and Dave Walters of Bloomington; three stepsons and their spouses, Steve and Trina Kline of Albion, Mike and Emma Kline of Brimfield and Raymond "Sonny" and Joyce Kline of Brimfield; and three stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Kathy Kline of Avilla, Roxie Sands of Orlando, Fla., and Paula and Brad Fox of Rome City; a sister, Mary Ann Brockelman of Lebanon, Mo.; 15 grandchildren, 14 stepgrandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Loretta Clark; sisters, May Foncannon, Ethel Kepers, Jane Kenny, Emma June Williams and Edna Williams; and brothers, Jim, Charles, Lloyd Williams and William Williams Jr.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike McKinney from the Rome City United Methodist Church officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. until the service at the funeral home.

Burial will be at the Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Bernard Didion

HUDSON — Bernard Didion, 73, of Hudson died at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his McClish Lake home.

Mr. Didion had work as a store clerk, at Eagle-Picher Plastics and for 28 years for Meadow Gold Dairy. He had also worked at the Plant Center.

He had moved to McClish Lake from Fort Wayne in 1988.

Mr. Didion was a Korean War veteran, a life member of Kendallville VFW Post, Orland American Legion Post and a life member of the Knights of Columbus Council 1790.

He was born May 20, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Martin J. and Teresa (Kemper) Didion. On Sept. 17, 1955, in Fort Wayne, he married Patricia Duehmig. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kimberly and Mike Chamness of Fort Wayne, Karen and Ed Bowers of Fort Wayne, and Kathleen McCormick of LaGrange; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Denise Didion of Dallas, Texas, Kenneth and Barbara Didion of Fort Wayne and Keith Didion of West Lafayette; two sisters, Regina Mahan of Angola and Gertrude Didion of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Church near Hudson with the Rev. Phil Ley officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery at Hudson.

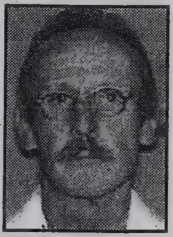
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange where a rosary service will be at 7:30 p.m. Calling also one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary of the Angels or to the American Diabetes Association.

Terry Gullett

KENDALLVILLE — Terry B. Gullett, 51, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at his home.

He had been employed with Dalton Foundry in Kendallville as a supervisor. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.


Mr. Gullett

Mr. Gullett was born Aug. 3, 1952, in Portsmouth, Ohio, to Hershell and Savilla (Eullett) Gullett. They are deceased.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Amanda and Steve McDonald of Kendallville and Jennifer Gullett of Auburn; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Joseph and Michelle Gullett of Kendallville and Adam Gullett of Kendallville; three brothers, Hershell Gullett of Blue Creek, Ohio, his twin, Gary Gullett of Green Springs, Ohio, and Larry Gullett of Minford, Ohio; a sister, Mary Angela "Angie" Mitchell of Bear Creek, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Johnny Irwin and Ray Irwin, and a sister, Nancy Jones.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Donald Yates officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Amanda McDonald.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

The following obituaries are being rerun to correct errors.

Randy Paxson

HAMILTON — Randy J. Paxson, 45, of Hamilton, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his home.

He was a brick mason for over 20 years. He was a 1977 graduate of Prairie Heights High School and a member of the U.S. Marine Corps. He lived in Hamilton for eight years after moving from Angola.

He was born in Bluffton on July 10, 1958, to Wayne and Sandra (Shaffer) Paxson. They survive.

Surviving are a daughter, Holly Paxson of Bowling Green, Ohio; two sons, Danny Paxson of Columbus, Ohio, and Andy Paxson of Paulding, Ohio; his companion, Deb Morin of Hamilton; two brothers, Chris and Mike Paxson, both of LaGrange; three sisters, Shari Moriarity of Angola, Deb Paxson and Lisa Allphin, both of Fort Wayne; many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson with Pastor Jane Ream officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences can be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com

Neil Dunkelberger

ANGOLA — Neil E. Dunkelberger, 81, of Angola, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004.

He was an aeronautical engineer for Bendix Corp. in Mishawaka for 19 years and owned Universal Parts Co. in Chicago. He was an Army veteran of World War II and also a member of Hudson United Methodist Church and the Orland American Legion Post 423.

He was born in Spring City, Pa., on Sept. 14, 1922, to Lester and Maude (Gutschall) Dunkelberger.

He married Roberta J. Smathers on March 21, 1943. She preceded him in death on Feb. 28, 1985.

He then married Dorothy Smathers on Oct. 6, 1985. She survives.

Survivors also include a daughter and son-in-law, Cheri and Steven Pierson of Wheaton, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Suzanne Dunkelberger of South Bend; three stepsons and their spouses, Dale and Sylvia Smathers of Hudson, Lynn and Deb Smathers of Hudson, and Philip and Belinda Smathers of Kinderhook, Mich; a brother, Bill and Laura Dunkelberger of Pennsylvania; 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Hudson United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ken Ludwig officiating.

Calling is at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson on Thursday from 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Tri-State University or Suzanne B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

Condolences can be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Richard Mourey

LAGRANGE — Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson for Richard L. Mourey, 68, of LaGrange.

Mr. Mourey died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring, Fla.

Bennie Johnson

HOWE — Bennie Johnson, 77, of Howe died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Patrick Martin

COLUMBIA CITY — Patrick Earl Martin, 63, died Saturday. Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Carnahan, Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Bennie Johnson

HOWE — Bennie O. Johnson, 77, of Howe died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Johnson was the retired owner of the Shell service stations in LaGrange and Howe and had owned Johnson Auto Sales of Howe. He had moved to LaGrange County in 1966 from Morehead, Ky.

Mr. Johnson

He has served as a trustee of Salem United Baptist Church since 1999. He was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Mr. Johnson was born April 7, 1926, in Fleming County, Ky., to Rila A. and Vergie S. (Caudill) Johnson. On April 23, 1947, in Morehead, he married Violet D. Hicks. She survives.

Also surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Evelyn and Dennis Reddick of Yuma, Ariz., Carolene and Glen Jackson, Diane and Porter Bowdish, and Robin and Chad Tuttle, all of Howe, and Edwina and Art Myers of Montgomery, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Bennie A. and Debra Johnson of Howe; two brothers, Alfred Johnson of Howe and Asa Johnson of Morehead; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Salem United Baptist Church, Rome City, with the Rev. Blaine Cooper, the Rev. Glen Jackson and the Rev. Billy Tuttle officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery at Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange and after 4 p.m. Thursday at the church with a service at 6 p.m.

Garland Seavers

WARREN — Garland H. Seavers, 94, of Warren died at 2:15 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren where he had resided since 1991.

Mr. Seavers lived in Upland until 1987 when he moved to Albion to be closer to his family. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and Upland United Methodist Church.

He had been a pressman for Edward Cox Printing Co. in Hartford City and retired from 3-M Co. in Hartford City in 1974.

Mr. Seavers was born Sept. 17, 1909, in Grant County to Samuel B. and Minnie (Marshall) Seavers. He graduated from Upland High School in 1927.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carole A. and Joel Moore of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Jacque Giblin of Huntington; six grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie M. (Wine) Seavers, and a son, Richard Alan Seavers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the United Methodist Memorial Home with Pastor Austin Fergusson and Pastor Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Union Cemetery in Eaton.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the home.

Memorials are to the Upland United Methodist Church in Upland or Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Glancy Funeral Homes — H. Brown & Sons Chapel in Warren is in charge of arrangements.

Susie Graber

MIDDLEBURY — Susie M. Graber, 82, of Middlebury died at 7:10 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Graber was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She born Sept. 23, 1921, in LaGrange County to Menno S. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Beachy. On Feb. 29, 1940, in Millersburg, she married Simon F. Graber. He died Jan. 14.

Surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Mary Esther and Perry Whetstone of Howe, Ellen and Elmer Miller, Velda and LaVern Miller and LaVerda Graber, all of Middlebury, LeAnna and Noah Yutzy of Nappanee and Betsy and Emery Kaufman of Bremen; five sons and daughters-in-law, Mervin and Sarah Graber of Charlotte, Mich., Glen and Mabel Graber, Perry and Kathy Graber, and LaVern and Sue Graber, all of Middlebury, and Floyd and Shelly Graber of Cassopolis, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Ada Graber of Shipshewana; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Elmer and Alice Beachy of Nappanee, Melvin and Edna Beachy of Utica, Ohio, Daniel and Ada Beachy and Mahlon and Clara Beachy, all of Millersburg, and Menno Jr. and Nancy Beachy and Pete and Ruby Beachy all of Goshen; 50 grandchildren; and 92 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Sara Rose Miller; two great-grandchildren, Samuel Dean and LaVerda Whetstone; and two sisters, Sadie Mast and Amanda Petersheim.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the home of her daughter, LaVern Miller, 11659 C.R. 116, Middlebury, with Bishop Ernest W. Yoder and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be all day today at her home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Ralph Wheeler

GOSHEN — Ralph R. Wheeler, 59, of Goshen died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, in Cassopolis, Mich.

Mr. Wheeler was a U.S. Army veteran and had been an auto mechanic.

Mr. Wheeler

He was born June 17, 1944, in LaPorte to Robert and Leona (Platz) Wheeler.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jeff Hodge and Brenda and Mike Smith, all of Goshen; two sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond and Julie Wheeler of Elkhart and Tobie and Virginia Wheeler of Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Jean and Don Gadson of Middlebury; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Jack Wheeler, Tim Wheeler and Mike and Carol Wheeler, all of Goshen; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Heaven Wheeler; a brother, Robert Wheeler; and a stepfather, Marshal Hemmick.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. Gordon Henke officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Thomas Kline

KIMMELL — Thomas Kline, 61, of Kimmell died Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Angeline "Angie" Bower Riehm** were held Monday at 10 a.m at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bob Riehm, Tom Riehm, Jim Riehm, Alex Riehm, Mike Riehm and Brian Riehm.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **John Williams** were held Monday at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Mike McKinney officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Pallbearers were Gary Williams, Heath Williams, Mat Blodgett, Kyle Fox, Kory Nicodemus and Kass Nicodemus.

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Cecelia Knapp

LIGONIER — Cecelia T. Knapp, 79, of Ligonier died at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Knapp

Mrs. Knapp was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking, baking and was a fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team. She was a member of Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Jan. 7, 1925, in Smithfield, Pa., to Frank and Eva (Hamoser) Stager. On Dec. 29, 1945, in Smithfield, she married Charles Knapp. He died Jan. 4, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Don Boyd of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Linda and Jim Thorne of Roanoke; a son, Ken Knapp of Cromwell; three sisters, Josephine Zagare of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Elizabeth Karas and Eva Lechner, both of Fairchance, Pa.; a brother, Lloyd Stager of Masontown, Pa., one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were five brothers, John, Andrew, Frank, Tom and Art; and two sisters, Rose Gill and Marie Calavrezos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Thorn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Richard Mourey

LAGRANGE — Richard L. Mourey, 68, of LaGrange, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004.

Mr. Mourey was born in Fort Wayne on Dec. 19, 1935, to Leonard and Eva (Dodane) Mourey. He retired from Dana Corp. after 31 years as an electrician. He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rita, in 1993.

Surviving are a son, Gerald L. Mourey of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Jeanne M. Blake and Beth A. Pearson, both of Churubusco, and Debbie L. Gradeless of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; two brothers, Edwin "Red" Mourey of Fort Wayne and Jim Mourey of Tampa, Fla.; four sisters, Ruth Ann Coonrad, Blanch Schaefer and Maxine Rorick, all of Fort Wayne, and Pauline Klinker of Payne, Ohio; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Beasoncon Catholic Church, New Haven.

Arrangements are being handled by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Joseph Williams

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph G. "Joe" Williams, 54, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at his home on Witmer Lake. He had been in failing health since April 2003.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Thomas Kline

KIMMELL — Thomas C. Kline, 61, of Kimmell died at 10:28 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Saturday.

Mr. Kline

Mr. Kline was a lifetime resident of Noble County. He had worked 13 years at Duo Therm in LaGrange and retired in 2000 after five years at Hy-Matic Manufacturing in Kendallville.

He was born Aug. 31, 1942, in Kendallville to Carl and Mary (Wirick) Kline. His mother survives in South Milford and his father is deceased. On Sept. 20, 2002, in Albion, he married Myrtle Heltzel. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shannon M. Kline of South Milford; a son, Nickalous E. Kline of South Milford; two stepdaughters, Laura Charles of Wolcottville and Pat Nimmo of Cromwell; and two brothers, Larry D. Kline of Fort Collins, Colo., and Gregory L. Kline of Chico, Calif.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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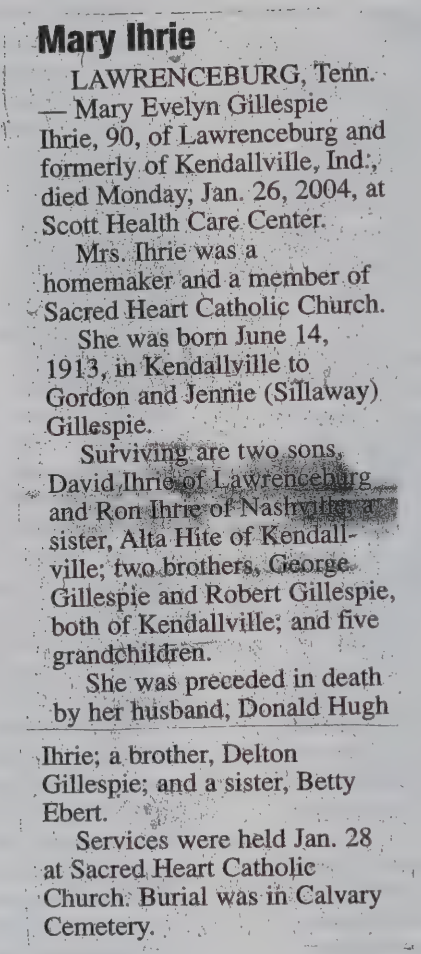

Mary Ihrie

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn. — Mary Evelyn Gillespie Ihrie, 90, of Lawrenceburg and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, at Scott Health Care Center.

Mrs. Ihrie was a homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She was born June 14, 1913, in Kendallville to Gordon and Jennie (Sillaway) Gillespie.

Surviving are two sons, David Ihrie of Lawrenceburg and Ron Ihrie of Nashville; a sister, Alta Hite of Kendallville; two brothers, George Gillespie and Robert Gillespie, both of Kendallville; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Hugh Ihrie; a brother, Delton Gillespie; and a sister, Betty Ebert.

Services were held Jan. 28 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

Garland Seavers

WARREN, IN – Garland H. Seavers, 94, formerly of Albion, died February 15, 2004, at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, IN.

He was born September 17, 1909, to Samuel B. and Minnie (Marshall) Seavers in Grant County, Indiana.

He was a 1927 graduate of Upland High School, Upland, IN.

He was united in marriage to Marie M. (Wine) Seavers in Upland United Methodist Church, Upland, IN.

Mr. Seavers lived in Upland, IN until 1987 and then moved to Albion to be closer to his family. He was a pressman for Edward Cox Printing Company in Hartford City, and retired from 3-M Company in 1974, also in Hartford City, IN. He was also a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church while living in Albion. Mr. Seavers moved to the United Methodist Memorial Home and had been a resident since 1991.

Mr. Seavers is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Carole A. and Joel Moore of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Jacque Giblin of Huntington; six grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Minnie Seavers; wife, Marie M. Seavers; and son, Richard Alan Seavers, U.S.A.F.

Services will be held Thursday, February 19, 2004, at United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, IN, with Pastors Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiating. Calling will be 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thursday, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Union Cemetery in Eaton, IN.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Asbury United Methodist Church, Albion or Upland United Methodist Church, 214 Grant Street, Upland, IN 46989.

Lewis McCartney

GARRETT – Lewis A. "Louie" McCartney, 76, of Garrett, died Friday, February 13, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home.

A resident of Garrett for four years, he retired from B.F. Goodrich in the early 1980s. He was an Arm veteran of World War II.

Mr. McCartney was born September 3, 1927, in Waynedale to Harry and Esther (Hehm) McCartney. On July 14, 1952, he married Alice Mae Springer.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel and Tammy McCartney of Avilla, Mark and Sheryl McCartney of Avilla, and Lewis "Andy" and Becky McCartney, Jr. of Conway, AR; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sherry and Doyle Marten of Fremont, Linda and Ed Ransbottom of Newville and Sharon McCartney of Arizona; 19 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents, his wife and a grandson, Tim Marten.

Services were held Monday, February 16, 2004, at the Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, with the Rev. Arthur G. Ferry, Jr. officiating. Burial was in the New Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

John Williams

ALBION – John Williams, 92, of Williams Lake, near Albion, died Saturday, February 14, 2004, at the Kendallville Manor Health Care Center following a short stay there.

Mr. Williams came to America with his parents when he was two years old. He was a truck driver all of his working years and was employed with Gateway Transportation in Kendallville before retiring in 1974.

He was born in Northumberland, England, on May 14, 1911, to William and Emma (Nicholson) Williams.

He married Bonnie Eileen Gusin on October 27, 1973, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Jack and Jane Williams of Phoenix, Richard Williams of Montezuma, IN, and Gary and Cathy Williams of Orland; two daughters and a son-in-law, Vivian Sarkisian of Phoenix and Carol and Dave Walters of Bloomington; three stepsons and and their spouses, Steve and Trina Kline of Albion, Mike and Emma Kline of Brimfield and Raymond "Sonny" and Joyce Kline of Brimfield; and three stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Kathy Kline of Avilla, Roxie Sands of Orlando, FL, and Paula and Brad Fox of Rome City; a sister, Mary Ann Brockelman of Lebanon, MO; 15 grandchildren; 14 stepgrandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Loretta Clark; sisters, May Foncannon, Ethel Kepers, Jane Kenny, Emma June Williams and Edna Williams; and brothers, Jim, Charles, Lloyd Williams and William Williams, Jr.

Services were held Monday, February 16, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike McKinney from the Rome City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was at the Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

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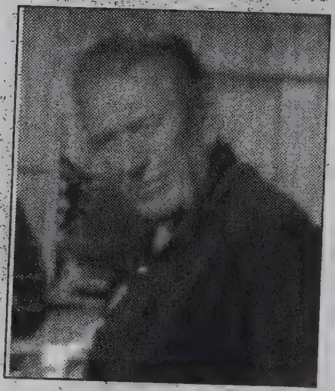

Frank Kirkpatrick

CHURUBUSCO – Frank Kirkpatrick, age 79, of Churubusco, died Tuesday, February 10, 2004, in the Veteran's Hospital, Marion, IN.

He was born on May 1, 1924, in Noble County to Earl Kirkpatrick and Florence Rodhine Kirkpatrick.

He married Alice Powell Kirkpatrick on June 14, 1946, in Columbia City. She preceded him in death on January 24, 1998.

He was a highly decorated World War II Army veteran, and was a member of VFW Post #3846 and Gilbert Davis American Legion Post #157. He enjoyed horseshoe pitching.

Before his retirement in 1984, he was the owner of Kirkpatrick Body Shop.

He is survived by three daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria and James Maggart of LaOtto, Sharon and Mike Geiger of Columbia City, and Mary and Tom Bangs of Churubusco; three sons and one daughter-in-law, James and Bonnie Kirkpatrick of Turlock, CA, Harold Kirkpatrick and William Kirkpatrick, both of Churubusco; three brothers, Charles, Robert, and George Kirkpatrick, all of Albion; 22 grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Alice; one son, Donald Kirkpatrick in 1986; two brothers, Edward and John Kirkpatrick; two sisters, Edna Bixby and Mary Herendeen and one grandson, Andrew Maggart.

Services were held Friday, February 13, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco. Burial followed in the Eel River Cemetery, with graveside services.

Memorial contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

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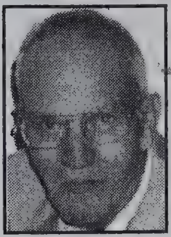
Samuel Payton

KENDALLVILLE — Samuel E. Payton, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Payton

Mr. Payton had retired as a machinist from Dana Corp.'s clutch division in Auburn and was a member of the True Church of God in Jesus Name in Kendallville.

He was born May 16, 1925, in Mitchell to W.C. and Florence (Terry) Payton. He first married Betty Gamble. She died in 1992. On Jan. 26, 1993, in Albion, he married Gracie (Ously) Terry. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Jessie Hiles of Avilla; four stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Jackie and Judy Terry, Shannon and Phyllis Terry and Bill Edward and Sharon Terry, all of Kendallville, and Sheridan and Carman Terry of Ligonier; four brothers, Ralph and Janice Payton of Corunna, Claude and Phyllis Payton and Richard and Evelyn Payton, all of Auburn, and Delbert and Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo; two sisters, Betty Hissong and Virginia Buttermore, both of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Katie Payton of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Danielle Payton of Avilla; a grandson, Samuel Payton of Avilla; 10 stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; and two nephews and a niece that he raised, Charles Gamble of Detroit, Mich., Ed Gamble of Houston, Texas, and Carolyn High of Helmer.

Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Paul Payton, Robert Payton and Arthur Pavton.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the True Church of God in Jesus Name. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery in Corunna.

Calling will be from 3-9 p.m. today at the church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Sampson

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy E. Sampson, 89, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Sampson was a homemaker and member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the United Transportation Union.

She was an avid NASCAR racing and IU fan and spent many hours working on crafts.

She was born April 20, 1914, in Fort Wayne to Edgar J. and Bertha (Nicholson) Summers. Her husband of 58 years, Clarence R. Sampson, died in March 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Phyllis and Don Caywood of Auburn and Elaine and Robert Norris of Rome City; a son and daughter-in-law, Curtis R. and Theresa Sampson of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Olive Sampson of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a granddaughter, Ashley.

Services will be at noon Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, with the Rev. Barry St. Clair officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Irvan Raymond

AUBURN — Irvan George Raymond, 69, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Raymond worked in construction and owned and operated Raymond Enterprise for 40 years.

He was a member of the Catholic Church in Phoenix, Ariz., and American Legion Post 47 in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 20, 1934, in Omania, Minn., to Allen G. and Marie E. (Danduran) Raymond. They preceded him in death.

He married Scarlet Michael in 1989 in Phoenix, Ariz. She died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Cathy Raymond of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Julian "Julie" Combs of Auburn, Michelle and Bill Massey of Waterloo and Lisa and Steve Woods of Garrett; a sister, Shirley Thomas of Bridgeville, Del.; his first wife, Louise Todd of Auburn; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Delroy D. Raymond.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with graveside services by the Auburn post of the American Legion.

Calling will be tonight from 6-8 at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St. Waterloo, and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will be conducted tonight at 8 in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to: sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Joseph Williams

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph Gordon Williams, 54, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at his home at Witmer Lake.

He had lived in Sturgis, Mich., from 1971-1989, in Kendallville from 1989-1999, and at Witmer Lake since then. He was an electrical estimator for more than 30 years and had been employed at J.O. Mory the past 15 years.

Mr. Williams

Mr. Williams was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Vietnam War as a door gunner. He enjoyed fixing things, camping, fishing, traveling, NASCAR racing and his dogs, Bandit and Cosmo. He had served as a Scoutmaster and Rocket football coach.

He was born Oct. 5, 1949, in Kendallville to Joseph Norton and Isabel (Miller) Williams. His father is deceased. His mother and stepfather, Isabel and H. Dean Luke, survive in Ashley. On Aug. 22, 1970, in Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich., he married Joanne "Jody" Nowak. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph M. and Heather Williams of Kendallville; a daughter, Jennifer L. Williams of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Rick Crummit of Waterloo; two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, John and Judy Nowak, address unknown, and Sonny and Eve Rinehart of Mongo; a half sister and her husband, Wanda Lou and Johnny Clark of Richmond, Va.; a stepsister and her husband, Cosy and Jerry Watchke of Haversack, Mass.; a sister-in-law, Peggy Hall of White Pigeon, Mich.; and several nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery with military graveside service by the Rome City American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary at 8 p.m. Friday. Calling also one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Cancer Society or to the family.

Sue Ann Rowe

BUTLER — Sue Ann Rowe, 71, of Butler died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at 2:35 p.m. at her daughter's home in Butler.

Mrs. Rowe was employed at Bohn Aluminum/Citation for 27 years.

She was born Oct. 27, 1932, in Dock, Ky., to Jennings and Emma (Stephens) Coyer. They preceded her in death.

On Feb. 5, 1951, in Auburn she married Orpha "Bud" Rowe. He survives in Butler.

Also surviving are a son, Jennings Rowe of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Fred Davis of Butler; a brother, John Coyer of Fort Wayne; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Sharon Frost of Garrett, Bertha Morgan of Fort Wayne, Billie Jo and Ed Tuttle of Garrett and Pat and Terry Van Gessel of LaOtto; five grandchildren, Craig Davis, Tara Davis, Jennings Rowe Jr., Jennifer Rowe and Justin Rowe; and two great-grandchildren, Taylor Burley and Kayli Ley.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Max Coyer and Wes Coyer, and two sisters, Mary Fugate and Imogene Coyer.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Mesothelioma Cancer Fund or DeKalb Hospice.

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Frederick Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Frederick F. Butler, 94, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at his home in Terrace Hills.

Mr. Butler

Mr. Butler was a retired farmer who raised livestock and grew popcorn. He also built the Meadow Lanes and Terrace Hills housing developments. He was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville and the Noble County Farm Bureau.

He was born March 7, 2004, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, to Blanchard and Katherine (Strater) Butler. On Dec. 15, 1931, in LaGrange, he married Helen "Patty" Alice Davis. She died May 10, 1992.

Surviving are a sister, Arcille Overton of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; a nephew and his wife, Dr. Steven and Dr. Jan Overton of San Francisco, Calif.; and a great-niece and her husband, Denise Turner-Ranley and David Ranley of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to First Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Dallas King

ALBION — Dallas King, 79, of Albion died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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Harry Whetzel

KENDALLVILLE — Harry Joseph Whetzel, 89, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Whetzel lived most of his life in Wolcottville and the last six years in Kendallville. He was an avid card player and loved to fish. He was a farmer.

He was born Jan. 25, 1915, in Swan Township, Noble County, to Samuel and Bertha (Good) Whetzel.

He married Bernadine Bailey in July 1933 in Albion. She preceded him in death on Nov. 4, 1993.

He then married Alice Cook on Aug. 1, 2003. She survives in Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rosemary and Glenn Baker of Fort Wayne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Charles and LaDonna Whetzel, Richard and Janice Whetzel, and Rex Whetzel, all of Wolcottville; four stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Edward Wisel of Fort Wayne, Ernest and Lori Cook of Fort Wayne, Steven Cook of Howe, and Shawn and Judy Cook of Ligonier; 13 grandchildren, 6 stepgrandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 1 stepgreat-grandchild, and a sister, Amy Barker of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Russell Whetzel, and a sister, Ruth Whetzel.

There was no visitation. Private graveside services will be held at a later date.

Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Arrangements were made by the Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Thomas Kline

KIMMELL — Thomas C. Kline, 61, of Kimmell died at 10:28 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Saturday.

Mr. Kline was a lifetime resident of Noble County. He had worked 13 years at Duo Therm in LaGrange and retired in 2000 after five years at Hy-Matic Manufacturing in Kendallville.

Mr. Kline

He was born Aug. 31, 1942, in Kendallville to Carl and Mary (Wirick) Kline. His mother survives in South Milford and his father is deceased. On Sept. 20, 2002, in Albion, he married Myrtle Heltzel. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shannon M. Kline of South Milford; a son, Nickalous E. Kline of South Milford; two stepdaughters, Laura Charles of Wolcottville and Pat Nimmo of Cromwell; and two brothers, Larry D. Kline of Fort Collins, Colo., and Gregory L. Kline of Chico, Calif.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today, Thursday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

David Chaney

LIGONIER — David E. Chaney, 69, died Thursday, Feb. 12, 2004, at his home in Ligonier.

He had retired as a crib attendant in the tool department at Silgan Plastics, Ligonier, and after retirement was a greeter at Wal-Mart.

Mr. Chaney was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Willowdale Avenue Church of Christ in Elkhart. He enjoyed working on mechanical projects.

He was born Oct. 2, 1934, in Kendallville to George E. and Buelah M. (Moore) Chaney.

On Oct. 5, 1957, he married Martha McElveen in Louisa, Va.

Surviving are his wife; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Don Chaney of Ligonier and John and Missy Chaney of Norway, Mich.; and grandchildren Joshua and Amber Chaney.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a brother, Charles Chaney; and a sister, Esther Merriam.

Services were Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Ray Caudill officiating. Cremation followed.

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Cecelia Knapp

LIGONIER — Cecelia T. Knapp, 79, of Ligonier died at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Knapp

Mrs. Knapp was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking, baking and was a fan of the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team. She was a member of Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

She was born Jan. 7, 1925, in Smithfield, Pa., to Frank and Eva (Hamoser) Stager. On Dec. 29, 1945, in Smithfield, she married Charles Knapp. He died Jan. 4, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Don Boyd of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and Linda and Jim Thorne of Roanoke; a son, Ken Knapp of Cromwell; three sisters, Josephine Zagare of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Elizabeth Karas and Eva Lechner, both of Fairchance, Pa.; a brother, Lloyd Stager of Masontown, Pa., one grandchild; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were five brothers, John, Andrew, Frank, Tom and Art; and two sisters, Rose Gill and Marie Calavrezos.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ligonier Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Thorn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today, Thursday, at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

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Dallas King

ALBION — Dallas King, 79, of Albion died at 11:32 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a welder and mechanic. He had been self employed for 21 years and had worked 17 years for the Farm Bureau Co-op and 13 years for McClure Implement.

Mr. King was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and was in the first LST to invade Omaha Beach in Normandy. He received the Purple Heart for the English Channel engagement. He was a member of American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

He was born June 23, 1924, in Green Township, Noble County the son of Carl A. and Lottie May (Budd) King. On Nov. 1, 1947, in Albion he married Claudine Baker. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Jim Knafel of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Dennis and Sandra King of Albion and Gary King and his companion, Lori Brown, of Fort Wayne; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Glenn and Shirley King of Avilla, Lowell and Hazel King of Auburn, and Harold and Delores King of Bonia Springs, Fla.; seven sisters and three brothers-in-law, Hilda Linskey of Coldwater, Mich., Edith Maddex of Grabill, Delores and Perry of San Antonio, Texas, Irene Roy of Demotte, Ardith and Ronnie Keister of Wolcottville, Diane and Matt Mattews of Fort Wayne and Nancy Blaskie of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Esther King of Monroe, Mich.; grandchildren, Terry Knafel, Brenda Jarrell, Brian Knafel, Kevin Knafel, Nicole Smith, Augusta and Adam Bennett, Burt and Angela King and Justin King; stepgrandchildren, Rob and Cheryl Koher, Jeff and Josie Koher and Steven Koher; nine great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Devota Bolen; and a brother, Eldon King.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 246.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Albion First Responders or the Noble County EMS.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Diana Carter** were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating.

Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Pallbearers were David Carter, Colin Carter, Christopher Carter, Jeffrey Fish, Donald Wells and Patrick Seymoure.

Wanda Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Wanda E. Gordon, 89, of Churubusco died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was involved in a traffic accident on Monday and had been hospitalized since Wednesday.

Mrs. Gordon was an ordained minister in both the Universal Spiritual Association and the Coptic Organization. She was a pastor at the Temple of Love and Life in Fort Wayne. She was also a certified massage therapist and enjoyed writing poetry and arts and crafts.

She was born April 15, 1914, in Continental, Ohio, the daughter of Ira H. and Bessie (Van Atta) Strite. She graduated from Huntertown High School. On Aug. 27, 1931, she married Herbert V. Gordon. He died Nov. 30, 1992.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Richard J. Gordon of Grand Junction, Iowa, Edwin L. and Vickie Gordon of Huntertown, and Scott and Pamela Gordon of Churubusco; a brother, Harlan I. Strite of Kendallville; two sisters, Susan E. Bosselman of Fort Wayne and Mona J. Teegardin of Auburn; and many grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Franklin Gordon; a brother, Oro J. Strite; a granddaughter, Zania Gordon; and a great-granddaughter, Kelsey Lee Gordon.

Services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Renee Haugh officiating.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct information provided to The News-Sun.

Joseph Williams

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joseph Gordon Williams, 54, died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004, at his home at Witmer Lake.

Mr. Williams

He had lived in Sturgis, Mich., from 1971-1989, in Kendallville from 1989-1999, and at Witmer Lake since then. He was an electrical estimator for more than 30 years and had been employed at J.O. Mory the past 15 years.

Mr. Williams was a U.S. Army veteran and served in the Vietnam War as a door gunner. He enjoyed fixing things, camping, fishing, traveling, NASCAR racing and his dogs, Bandit and Cosmo. He had served as a Scoutmaster and Rocket football coach.

He was born Oct. 5, 1949, in Kendallville to Joseph Norton and Isabel (Miller) Williams. His father is deceased. His mother and stepfather, Isabel and H. Dean Luke, survive in Ashley. On Aug. 22, 1970, in Holy Angels Catholic Church in Sturgis, Mich., he married Joanne "Jody" Nowak. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Joseph M. and Heather Williams of Kendallville; a daughter, Jennifer L. Williams of Avilla; a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Rick Crummit of Waterloo; two brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, John and Judy Nowak, address unknown, and Sonny and Eve Rinehart of Mongo; a half sister and her husband, Wanda Lou and Johnny Clark of Richmond, Va.; a stepsister and her husband, Cosy and Jerry Watchke of Haversack, Mass.; a sister-in-law, Peggy Hall of White Pigeon, Mich.; and several nephews and nieces.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo with Father Dave Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery with military graveside service by the Rome City American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary at 8 p.m. Calling also one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Cancer Society or to the family.

Patricia Fisher

LIGONIER — Ligonier businesswoman Patricia J. Fisher, 53, of Ligonier died at 8:43 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Fisher was co-owner of Fisher Insurance and Able Realty in Ligonier and had previously worked in banking for 22 years. She had moved to the area in 1969 from Chicago.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a charter board member of the West Noble Day Care and a former member of Kappa Delta Phi Sorority.

Mrs. Fisher collected Longaberger baskets and Precious Moments figurines. She loved to read and enjoyed spending summers at Lake Tippecanoe. She loved her family and friends and often helped care for the elderly and ailing and provided transportation for those who could not drive.

She was born Jan. 21, 1951, in Chicago the daughter of James A. and Christine V. (Eichberger) Martin. They are deceased. On Dec. 1, 1979, in Ligonier she married Anthony W. Fisher Jr. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Andrea, at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Sherry Martin of Lockport, Ill., and Joseph and Kathy Martin of Syracuse; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Jim Lenihan of Des Plaines, Ill., Gail and Ed Sonne of Chicago, Mary and Craig Studer of Corona, Calif., and Virginia and Matt Neises of Syracuse.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Dale Bauman and Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Eugene Collins

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene Collins, 74, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Collins had been a coal miner in Kentucky and employed at Kendallville Foundry and the Kendallville Water Department before retiring.

Mr. Collins

He was born Aug. 24, 1929, in Barridge, Ky., the son of Silas and Effie (McPherson) Collins. He married Wilma Cook. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Gary and Rose Collins of Kendallville, Billy and Versa Collins of Huntsville, Texas, and Terry Collins of Kendallville; two brothers, Si Collins of Red Fox, Ky., and Mike Collins of Harlan, Ky.; a sister, Arlene Collins of Hazard, Ky.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the True Church of God in Jesus' Name in Lisbon. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday at the church.

Memorial are to the family in care of Hite Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Sandra Pearson

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra Eva Pearson, 61, of Kendallville died unexpectedly Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Pearson was a homemaker. She had moved here in 1966 from West Virginia.

She was born May 12, 1942, in Caretta, W.Va., the daughter of Lewis and Alice (Sizemore) Walker. On July 5, 1958, in Lebonen, Va., she married Luther Pearson. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Amanda Pearson of Kendallville; a brother, Ted and Helen Walker of Columbus, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Robert Billings of Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Derek, Chelsey and Seth Pearson.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, William, Raymond and Lewis Pearson; and two sisters, Theda Billings and Betty Crigger.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center, P.O. Box 817, Kendallville IN 46755.

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Kenneth Smith

LIGONIER — Kenneth L. Smith, 78, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Smith

A lifetime resident of the Ligonier area, Mr. Smith had managed the greenhouse for the former Schrock's Greenhouse in Ligonier for over 30 years.

He was a member and past exalted ruler of Ligonier Elks Lodge No. 451 and a lifetime member of West Noble American Legion Post. He had served on the Ligonier school board and the Noble County Draft Board. He attended the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Mr. Smith was an avid Indiana University basketball and Chicago Cubs baseball fan and enjoyed watching sports on television. He had played softball in his earlier years and had played on a bowling league. He enjoyed gardening and was well known for his flower gardens.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and served in the American and Asiatic-Pacific theaters during World War II.

He was born July 12, 1925, in Nappanee to Roy E. and Luella (Parcell) Smith.

On June 6, 1946, he married Mary Hayes in Angola. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard L. "Rick" Smith of Ligonier and Kirk L. and Denise Smith of Jasper; a daughter and son-in-law, DeeAnn and Jim Mehl of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Erma Jean and Jim Smith of Hendersonville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter-in-law, Linda K. Smith; two sisters, Betty C. Smith and Mary E. Stouder; an infant brother; and a granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Mehl.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Larry Baker will officiate.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Franklin Quinn

ANGOLA — Franklin C. Quinn, 87, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at his home on Lake Gage.

Mr. Quinn was an engineer for the B&O Railroad for 37 years, retiring in 1973.

He was a member of Garrett United Methodist Church and Garrett Masonic Lodge 537. He loved music and played many instruments, including the piano. At one time, he had his own band.

He was born June 24, 1916, in Garrett to Charles L. and Sylvia V. (Putt) Quinn.

He married Goldie Lewis on Dec. 26, 1937, in Versailles, Ky., and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Cyndi Quinn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Vickie Lewis of Fremont; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Judge Charles Quinn.

Private family services will be conducted Monday at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

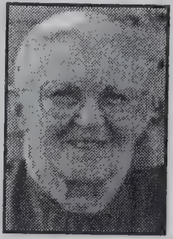
There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Garrett Railroad Museum.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Ida Miller

MIDDLEBURY — Ida Miller, 80, of Middlebury died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at her home. She had suffered from cancer.



Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and charter member of the Woodlawn A.M. Church where she was active in the Women's Sewing Circle. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, cooking and gardening.

She was born April 23, 1923, in LaGrange County to Daniel W. and Elizabeth (Kauffman) Weirich. On Nov. 28, 1946, in LaGrange County, she married Harry E. Miller. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Frieda Borntrager of Middlebury, Norma and Wayne Schrock of Millersburg and Marilyn Faye Miller of Goshen; a son and daughter-in-law, Floyd and Linda Miller of Middlebury; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Katie Weirich of Sarasota, Fla., Nona Yoder of Middlebury and Anna and Eli Chupp of Shipshewana; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Harry and Orpha Weirich and Harley and Fanny Weirich, all of Middlebury, Eli Weirich of Augusta, Wis., and Ora and Katherine Weirich of Goshen; a sister-in-law, Dororthy Weirich of Shipshewana; and five grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Joe Weirich, and a son-in-law, Erwin Borntrager.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Woodlawn A.M. Church in Goshen with Bishop Elmer Miller, the Rev. Ed Yoder, the Rev. Glen Miller and the Rev. Steve Miller officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Church Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Man taught others about fatherhood

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — More than 1,000 callers paid their respects before the funeral service for James W. Blevins, 66, who died Feb. 8, 2004.

Mr. Blevins' son, Bradley, said he thinks the large number of visitors proves that Mr. Blevins never made a customer mad in more than 20 years of tending bar at Cricket's Tavern in downtown Auburn.

Some of the mourners came to Feller Funeral Home because they knew and respected Mr. Blevins' five children, and if that is the case it can be attributed to Mr. Blevins' devotion to his family.

"He was just a tremendous family man," said Bradley Blevins who was a star athlete at DeKalb High School in the 1970s.

"Dad never drove to work at International Harvester in Fort Wayne; he always rode with others who worked there," his son recalled. "When I would have a game away from Auburn, Dad would go around the plant and find someone who lived where I was playing and catch a ride with them so he could see me play. He knew he could always catch a ride on the team bus, or find someone else from Auburn for a ride home," he said.

"Dad never missed a function for any of us kids," Bradley Blevins said.

"I knew a lot of stories about Dad," his son said, "but some I never knew until he died, from people who came to the calling."

He said one man told him how he would go by Cricket's — where Mr. Blevins worked after retiring from International Harvester in 1981 — after closing to talk with his dad.

"He said they would sit around and talk about their respective children, and he would get Dad's advice. He actually attributed how his kids turned out to my dad, because he said my dad taught him how to be a better father."

Mr. Blevins loved golf and played every week with a group of friends at Garrett. He played in every "Cricket's Open" and was a "scratch" golfer "before he got to be old," Bradley Blevins said.

He said his father took a lot of ribbing because he was left-handed.

"He would just say that everyone is born left-handed, and after the first sin, a person becomes right-handed," his son said. His father's laugh was contagious, and set others to laughter.

"Mom and Dad were married 47 years, and had dated since they were in sixth grade," Bradley Blevins said. When someone would ask Mr. Blevins the secret to the longevity of their marriage, he would say: "When we got married, we agreed that I would make the major decisions and Loretta would handle the minor ones. In all these years, I have never had to make a major decision."

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Jim Blevins tended bar at Cricket's Tavern for 20 years.

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Former TSU professor dead at 103

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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HOOKSETT, N.H. — Yetiva Humphries lived a full life — 103 years worth.

And she lived many of those years in Angola.

Mrs. Humphries, died Feb. 17 in New Hampshire, where she moved in 1998 to be near her family. She lived there with her son, Charlie.

Mrs. Humphries taught at Tri-State University with her husband, John — he was the chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department, she an English professor in the 1920s. At the time of her death, she was the oldest living former Tri-State teacher.

In her obituary, Mrs. Humphries' family remembered her as being "known for her love of music, especially classical music, and for her wit and humor."

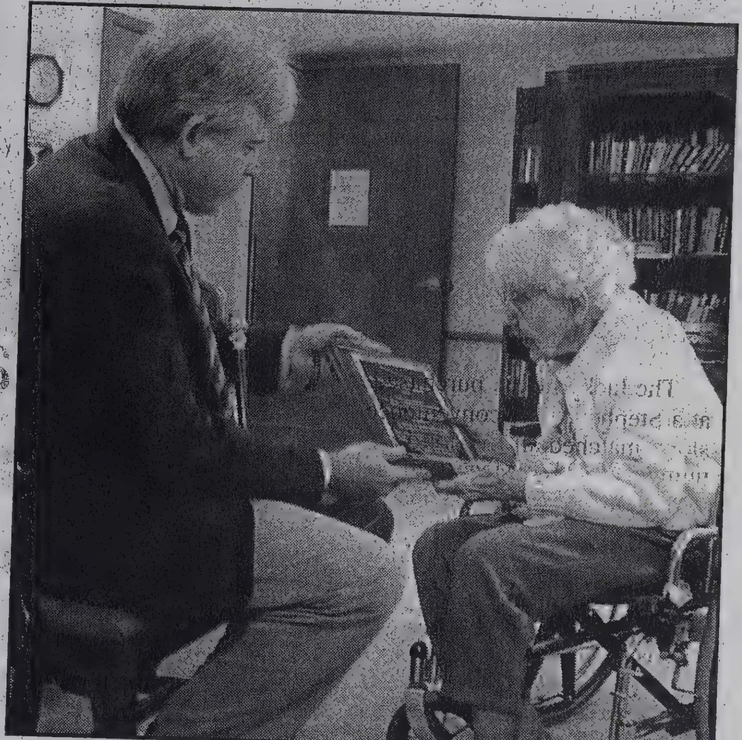
One of Mrs. Humphries' most shining accomplishments was being awarded a Boston Post Cane in late 2002. The honor was bestowed upon her by the town administration in Hooksett.

The cane-presenting tradition started the year Yetiva was born. In 1900, 431 specially crafted walking sticks were purchased by the Boston Post to be given to the oldest residents in surrounding towns. The canes were passed down through the generations.

Mrs. Humphries didn't actually get to keep the cane, which was carved in African wood with a 14-carat gold tip and preserved in a glass case. According to a history of the Boston Post Canes, each one took about a year to produce and were coated with the finest French varnish.

But she did get a plaque to memorialize her succession as the oldest woman in Hooksett, N.H. on Nov. 11, 2002.

The Humphries raised their children in Angola. Charlie graduated in 1951, his older sister Yvonne in 1947. Her husband died in 1982.



RICHARD VICTORINO/THE HOOKSETT BANNER

Former Angola resident and Tri-State University English teacher Yetiva Humphries received the Boston Post Cane by Hooksett Town Administrator Mike Farrell in December 2002.

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FEBRUARY 22 2004

Violet Wallace

AUBURN — Violet Hazel Wallace, 87, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

On March 22, 1916, in Auburn she was born to David E. and Flossie E. (Hanes) Dilgard. She married Ernest L. Wallace on Aug. 4, 1934. He preceded her in death on Jan. 25, 1974.

She was a bookkeeper and secretary for the Union Township Assessor's office in the DeKalb County Courthouse for 20 years, and retired in 1986.

Mrs. Wallace was a member of Norris Chapel United Methodist Church and the Norris Chapel Missionary Society in Auburn, and a former member of the Progressive Literary Club and the Spinning Spools Quilting Guild.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jack L. and Nancy Wallace, Waterloo; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy (Bowman) and Bill Walters, Auburn, and Linda and Joe Dunn, Waterloo; a half-sister, Helen Ann Collins of Sandusky, Ohio; 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, a daughter, Zella Warstler, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Rev. Douglas H. Barbe officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling will be from 2 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Norris Chapel United Methodist Church.

This obituary is being re-published to correct errors and add information.

Frederick Butler

KENDALLVILLE — Frederick F. Butler, 94, died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at his Terrace Hills residence, Kendallville.

In Jefferson Township, Noble County, on March 7, 1909, he was born to Blanchard and Katherine (Strater) Butler. On Dec. 15, 1931, in LaGrange, he married Helen "Patty" Alice Davis. She preceded him in death on May 10, 1992.

He was a farmer and in the agricultural business all his life. He raised livestock and grew popcorn. Later he developed and built what is now Meadow Lanes and Terrace Hills residential communities.

Mr. Butler was a member of First Christian Church and the Farm Bureau, both in Kendallville.

Surviving are a great niece and her husband, Denise Turner Ranly and David Ranly, of Kendallville; a nephew and his wife, Steven Overton, M.D. and Jan Overton, M.D. of San Francisco, Calif., and a sister, Arcille Overton of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.

Services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville, with pallbearers Eric Wolf, Dr. John Shank, D.D.S., John Westergaard, Keith Ranly, Pastor Bob Farmer and Pastor Tom Clothier.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to: www.hitefuneralhome.com.

This obituary is being re-published to correct an error.

Sandra Pearson

KENDALLVILLE — Sandra E. Pearson, 61, died unexpectedly Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at the Parkview Noble Hospital emergency room, Kendallville.

On May 12, 1942, in Caretta, W. Va., she was born to Lewis and Alice (Sizemore) Walker. She married Luther Pearson on July 5, 1958, in Lebonen, Va. He survives.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Amanda Pearson, of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Helen Walker of Columbus, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Robert Billings of Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Derek, Chelsey and Seth Pearson.

In addition to her parents, three brothers, William, Raymond and Lewis Pearson, and two sisters, Theda Billings and Betty Crigger, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with burial in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeastern Center, P.O. Box 817, Kendallville IN 46755.

Richard Mourey

LAGRANGE — Richard L. Mourey, 68, of LaGrange died Sunday, Feb. 15, 2004, in Sebring, Fla.

In Fort Wayne on Dec. 19, 1935, he was born to Leonard and Eva (Dodane) Mourey. He married Rita Robinson who preceded him in death on Sept. 16, 1993.

He retired from Dana Corp. as an electrician after 31 years.

Mr. Mourey was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of AMVETS, Orland American Legion Post 423, and the American Legion and Eagles Club, both in Sebring.

Surviving are: a son, Gerald L. Mourey, of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Jeanne M. Blake and Beth A. Pearson, both of Churubusco and Debbie Gradeless of Lehigh Acres, Fla.; two brothers, Edwin (Red) Mourey, of Fort Wayne, and Jim Mourey, of Tampa, Fla.; four sisters, Ruth Ann Coonrad, Blanch Schaefer and Maxine Rorick, all of Fort Wayne, and Pauline Klinker, of Payne, Ohio; nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, his parents preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29, at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Calling will be 90 minutes prior to services. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Catholic Charities.

Russell Camp

BUTLER — Russell J. Camp, 88, of Butler, died at 7 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at his residence.

In Edon, Ohio, on Nov. 23, 1915, he was born to Clarence and Rozella (Hug) Camp. On Aug. 30, 1947, in Butler, he married Evelyn E. Campbell. She survives in Butler.

He was a farmer and served in the U.S. Army from Dec. 15, 1942, to Dec. 1, 1945. He was a member of Zion United Methodist Church and DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are four sisters, Frances Mason, of Butler, Dorothy Mavis and Eileen Ward, both of Edgerton, Ohio, and Mabel Osborn of Antwerp, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, two sisters, Dorothy Mavis and Majorie Vondran, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Zion United Methodist Church, Butler, with burial in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

Franklin Quinn

ANGOLA — Franklin C. Quinn, 87, of Angola, died Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at his Lake Gage residence.

In Garrett on June 24, 1916, he was born to Charles L. and Sylvia V. (Putt) Quinn. He married Goldie Lewis on Dec. 26, 1937, in Versailes, Ky. She survives.

He was an engineer for the B & O Railroad for 37 years and retired in 1973.

Mr. Quinn was a member of the Garrett United Methodist Church, Garrett and the Garrett Masonic Lodge No. 537. He loved music, and played the piano and many instruments. He had his own band at one time.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Cyndi Quinn of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Vickie Lewis of Fremont, six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a son, Judge Charles Quinn, preceded him in death.

Private family services will be held with burial in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the Garrett Railroad Museum, Garrett.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Larry Baumgartner

HAMILTON — Larry Baumgartner, 67, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Baumgartner worked as a bricklayer for 40 years, retiring in 1990. He drove tour buses until 1999. He did glass engraving as a hobby and loved all sports, especially enjoying golfing, hunting and fishing.

Mr. Baumgartner

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and Leo Masonic Lodge.

He was born April 6, 1936, in Bluffton to Raymond and Alva (Carter) Baumgartner. They preceded him in death.

He married Pearl Bailey on March 23, 1984, in Waco, Texas. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and her husband, Sondra and Kevin Heath of Auburn; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Vic and Jan Baumgartner of Midland, Mich., and David Baumgartner of Midland, Mich.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ellen and Dale Riddle of Hamilton; a stepson and his wife, Garry and Pam Carper of New Haven; two brothers, Harold Baumgartner of Westminster, Md., and Allen Baumgartner of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Avis Hulvey of Ossian and Carol Ann Harness of Hendersonville, N.C.; three grandchildren, Nicholas Freise of Auburn and Micah Baumgartner and Megan Baumgartner, both of Midland; and six stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Kyle Freise.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ. John Scott will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.com.

Matthias Kretler

KENDALLVILLE — Matthias "Matt" Kretler, 69, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at Cape Corral, Fla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

John Lash

AVILLA — John H. Lash, 77, of Avilla died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Yolanda Dietrich

AUBURN — Yolanda E. Dietrich, 80, of rural Auburn, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at 1:50 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dietrich was a homemaker and had lived in Waterloo until moving to Auburn 14 years ago.

She was born May 11, 1923, in Garrett to Frank and Thelma Muzzillo.

Her husband, Clarence R. Dietrich Sr., preceded her in death in 1995.

Surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Rinehold of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Denise Jack and Kimberly Dietrich, both of Auburn; Reginna Halbert of Kendallville and Kamala Dietrich of Sellersburg; two grandsons, Chad Gingrich of Auburn and Tracy Dietrich of Emporia, Va.; two sisters, Barbara Miller of Winton, Calif., and Dorothy Peterson of Auburn; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by two sons, Clarence Richard "Dick" Dietrich Jr. and Steven R. Dietrich; two brothers, James Muzzillo and Lee Muzzillo; and two sisters, Wreath Jones and Hilda Dietrich.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to the family for funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Matthias Kretler

KENDALLVILLE — Matthias "Matt" Kretler, 69, of Kendallville died at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, in Cape Coral, Fla.

Mr. Kretler was a tool and die maker and one of the original partners of X-Y Tool and Die in LaOtto and remained with the company from 1971 to 1991.

Mr. Kretler

He had lived in Noble County since 1968 and in Fort Wayne from 1952 to 1968. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 242 in Albion and a 50-year member of the Fort Wayne Sports Club.

Mr. Kretler played and coached soccer for several years. He also enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with his family and time in the woods.

He was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Klenak, Yugoslavia, to Josef and Anna (Zeitler) Kretler. He came to the United States and became a citizen in 1952. On April 11, 1959, in Toledo, Ohio, he married Rose Marie "Rosie" Erndl. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph and Janet Kretler, John and Cindy Kretler and Richard Kretler, all of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Jon Spaw of Kendallville and Tina and Mark Ball of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Pauline Kretler of DeBarry, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren, Tiffany, Heather, Jakob, Kayla, Jessica, Ashley and Andrew Kretler, Braden Ball, and Samantha, Erica and Jon-Matthew Spaw.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert M. Kretler, on Sept. 27, 1979, a grandson, John Michael Kretler II, and a brother, Johann Kretler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Memorials are to Sport Club Youth Soccer Programs, 3120 Ardmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, and to the East Noble High School scholarship for a student who plans to study tool and die.

Florence Nunchuck

CHURUBUSCO — Florence (Womack) Nunchuck, 84, of Waukegan, Ill., and formerly of Churubusco, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home.

Charles Walsh

CANYON LAKE, Texas — Charles J. "Chuck" Walsh, 71, of Canyon Lake died at 7:55 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, of cancer.

Mr. Walsh was a project engineer for NASA in Houston before he retired in 1995. He received many personal achievement awards from NASA. He had also worked for North American Aviation in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Walsh

He served as an alter boy in his youth and remained true to his faith with his family, marriage and church. He taught CCE middle schoolers, sang in church choirs, lectored, served on parish councils and liturgy commissions and was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Walsh enjoyed playing tennis, singing barbershop music, cooking and hunting, and had been honored for his work in renovating the Brauntex Theater.

He was born May 25, 1932, in Kendallville, Ind., to James Sylvester and Celeste Walsh. He received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Purdue University in 1954. He was a commissioned officer in the military for two years. On March 12, 1955, he married Sandra Leitch. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Suzete Walsh of Kingwood, Texas, and John and Elinore Walsh of Bryan, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, two daughters and sons-in-law, Shauna and John Hulecki of Little Rock, Ark., and Erin and Bill Grant of Zachary, La.; two sisters, Rose Marie Walsh of Kendallville and Theodosha Engle of Gahanna, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and four stepgrandchildren.

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This obituary is being reprinted with additional information about surviving relatives.

Larry Baumgartner

HAMILTON — Larry Baumgartner, 67, died Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler.

Mr. Baumgartner

Mr. Baumgartner worked as a bricklayer for 40 years, retiring in 1990. He drove tour buses until 1999. He did glass engraving as a hobby and loved all sports, especially enjoying golfing, hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and Leo Masonic Lodge.

He was born April 6, 1936, in Bluffton to Raymond and Alva (Carter) Baumgartner. They preceded him in death.

He married Pearl Bailey on March 23, 1984, in Waco, Texas. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and her husband, Sondra and Kevin Heath of Auburn; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Vic and Jan Baumgartner of Midland, Mich., and David Baumgartner of Chicago; a stepdaughter and her husband, Ellen and Dale Riddle of Hamilton; a stepson and his wife, Garry and Pam Carper of New Haven; two brothers, Harold Baumgartner of Westminster, Md., and Allen Baumgartner of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Avis Hulvey of Ossian and Carol Ann Harness of Hendersonville, N.C.; threegrandchildren, Nicholas Freise of Auburn and Micah Baumgartner and Megan Baumgartner, both of Midland, Mich.; and six stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Kyle Freise.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ. John Scott will officiate.

Calling is today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

Palmina Tonkel

LAOTTO — Palmina Lucia (Romano) Tonkel, 74, of LaOtto died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tonkel worked for the U.S. government for 19 years in Washington, D.C.

She was born March 24, 1929, in Washington, D.C.

Surviving are her husband of 38 years, Robert L. Tonkel Sr. of LaOtto; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John W. Tonkel of LaOtto and Robert L. Jr. and Sandra Tonkel of Leo; a daughter and son-in-law, AnneMarie and Tim Brown of Gaston; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anne Sayer of Moundsview, Minn., and Grace and Joseph Schwaab of Stanchfield, Minn.; and four grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Melissa Tonkel, all of Leo, and AnnaBella Brown of Gaston.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luciano and Maria Rosaria Romano, and a sister, Marie Romano.

Services will be at a later date.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home.

D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Nessel

CORUNNA — Ruth W. Nessel, 82, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Nessel worked at Yellow Springs Instrument Co. in Yellow Springs, Ohio, for several years and was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 11, 1921, in Fort Madison, Iowa, to Edgar and Wilmoth (Foraker) Workman.

She married Winford Allen Steeb Nessel in October 1949 in Kentland, Ind. He died Feb. 13, 1997.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Steven William and Sandy Nessel of Louisville, Ky.; five daughters and one son-in-law, Ruth Ann and Dave Sass of Covington, Ky., Joanna Von Holten, Robin Ursala Nessel and Patt E. Aldrich, all of Corunna, and Marilyn Elizabeth Nessel of Yadunde, Cameroon, West Africa; three sisters, Lucille Walker and Myrl Wood, both of Burlington, Iowa, and Florence Tharp of Angleton, Texas; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Jean Marie Smith, and one sister.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Jeff Murphy will officiate. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery.

Calling is Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fort Wayne Rescue Mission.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneral-home.net.

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John Lash

AVILLA — John H. "Johnny" Lash, 77, of Avilla died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Lash was a farmer and had retired in 1987 after 36 years with the B&O Railroad.

He was a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was active with its bingo games and its Labor Day Festival. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Lash enjoyed meeting his friends at the Country Kitchen and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He liked working in his yard and telling jokes and stories.

He was born April 22, 1926, in Avilla to Herman and Mary A. (Lemper) Lash. He married Dorothy A. Hoeffle in Garrett on Sept. 10, 1949. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell and Dorothy Lash of Kendallville and David and Rachel Lash of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Bob Herrli of Elkhart; six sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Evers of Goshen, Theresa Parker of Auburn, Phyllis Heffner of Elkhart, Joann Heizer of Butler, Mary Jean and Charles Ley of Avilla, and Ruth Marti of Matoon, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Betty Lash of Avilla; and eight grandchildren, Mike, Jason, Colby, Nick, Tyler and Ryan Lash, and Justin and Megan Herrli; and a great-granddaughter, Tiffany Lash.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rose Lash, in 1956, and two brothers, Harold Lash and Albert Lash.

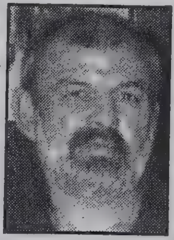
Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

David Meade

KENDALLVILLE — David "Doc" Meade, 51, of Kendallville died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.



Mr. Meade

Mr. Meade had worked on oil rigs in Wyoming and had been a roofer until he became disabled.

He was born Jan. 19, 1953, in Weeksbury, Ky., to Astor and Ruby (Spriggs) Meade. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Luke Meade of Auburn, Zack Meade of Avilla, David Meade of Kendallville, and Eric and Cory Meade of LaOtto; a daughter, Shelly Meade of Goshen; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Hugh Tuttle of LaGrange, JoAnn and David Goodman of LaGrange, and Lou Rena and Eugene Shepherd of Kendallville; three grandchildren, Dawson Meade of LaOtto, Riley Meade of LaOtto and Carly Meade of Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Bud, Dick and an infant, and an infant sister.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. Wednesday at the church with an evening service at 7.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Florence Nunchuck

CHURUBUSCO — Florence (Womack) Nunchuck, 84, of Waukegan, Ill., and formerly of Churubusco, died at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, at her home. She had been in declining health for three years.

Mrs. Nunchuck was employed for 22 years as the cafeteria director at Smith-Green Community School Corp., retiring from there in 1985.

She had moved to Churubusco in 1955 from Chicago and was active as a room mother at the former Green Center Elementary School and with the Churubusco Band Parents Association.

She had formerly attended the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene and was a member of the Waukegan Church of the Nazarene. She had taught church school and Bible school.

Following her retirement, she and her husband moved to Waukegan. They enjoyed traveling and she enjoyed cooking, quilting, flowers, and watching the Chicago Bulls.

She was born July 2, 1919, in Big Sandy, W.Va., to John B. and Inez (West) Womack. On June 1, 1945, in Pikeville, Ky., she married Michael Nunchuck. He died Oct. 30, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Dr. Mary Nunchuck and her husband, Donald Scheef, of Waukegan and Dr. Susan Nunchuck and her husband, Philip Schumski, of Milwaukee, Wis.; a son, Michael Nunchuck Jr., and his friend, Ann Howard, of Indianapolis; four brothers and sisters-in-law, James W. "Woody" and Freda Womack and John and Donna Womack, all of Melbourne, Fla., Jay D. and Glenda Womack of Cedarville, Ohio, and Tom and Judy Womack of Englewood, Ohio; three granddaughters, Susan Michelle Scheef and her fiance, Gabriel Rodreaguez, of Chicago, and Jessica Schumski and Jeanette Schumski, both of Milwaukee; and four great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Jenny Brookhart and Anita Judy Womack; and two brothers, Chester Ray "Jack" Womack and Leo Womack.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Pulley, associate pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel, officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to the Florence Nunchuck Scholarship Fund at Churubusco High School through the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.com.

Robert Ratliff

LIGONIER — Robert Allen "Rob" Ratliff, 40, of Ligonier died at 8:21 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. Mr. Ratliff had been involved in a traffic accident earlier that evening.

Mr. Ratliff enjoyed football.

He was born Dec. 21, 1963, in Grundy, Va., to Walter Sr. and Mae (Shortridge) Ratliff. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Ligonier.

Mr. Ratliff

Also surviving are a daughter, Samantha Mae Ratliff of Ligonier; a son, Travis Allen Ratliff of Ligonier; four brothers, Walter Ratliff of Wawaka, Russ Ratliff of Topeka, Joe Ratliff of Ligonier and Rick Ratliff of Peru; five sisters, Judy Boyd of Syracuse, Mary Cline of Cromwell, Angie Ratliff of Fort Wayne, Margaret Ratliff of Topeka and Rachel Ratliff of Cromwell; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Shawn Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

This obituary is being reprinted to provide calling hours and to correct information provided by the funeral home.

Matthias Kretler

KENDALLVILLE — Matthias "Matt" Kretler, 69, of Kendallville died at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, in Cape Coral, Fla.

Mr. Kretler was a tool and die maker and one of the original partners of X-Y Tool and Die in LaOtto and remained with the company from 1971 to 1991.

Mr. Kretler

He had lived in Noble County since 1968 and in Fort Wayne from 1952 to 1968. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 242 in Albion and a 50-year member of the Fort Wayne Sports Club.

Mr. Kretler played and coached soccer for several years. He also enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with his family and time in the woods.

He was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Klenak, Yugoslavia, to Josef and Anna (Zeitler) Kretler. He came to the United States and became a citizen in 1952. On April 11, 1959, in Toledo, Ohio, he married Rosemarie "Rosie" E. Erndl. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph and Janet Kretler, John and Cindy Kretler and Richard Kretler, all of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Jon Spaw of Kendallville and Tina and Mark Ball of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Pauline Kretler of DeBarry, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren, Tiffany, Heather, Jakob, Kayla, Jessica, Ashley and Andrew Kretler, Brae Ball, and Samantha, Erica and Jon-Matthew Spaw.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert M. Kretler, on Sept. 27, 1979, a grandson, John Michael Kretler II, and a brother, Johann Kretler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Memorials are to Sport Club Youth Soccer Programs, 3120 Ardmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, and to the East Noble High School scholarship for a student who plans to study tool and die.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Eugene Collins** were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at True Church of God in Jesus Name with the Rev. Tommy Sayler and the Rev. Farmer Sayler officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mike Collins, Bill Collins, Jeff Collins, Randy Combs, Eric Minar and Gary Patrick.

Honorary pallbearer was Joey Collins.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Leyoda Leavell

FORT WAYNE — Leyoda M. Thomas Leavell, 85, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and member of the Moose.

Surviving are her husband, John S. Leavell of Fort Wayne; daughters Karen Richey of Auburn and LaVone Neely of Yoder; one son, Richard Thomas of Findlay, Ohio; stepson Donald Leavell of Texas; stepdaughter Deborah Gaham of LaGrange; eight grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Wilbur Thomas, in 1981, and a daughter, Marilyn Norviel, in 2002.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Elmhurst Church of the Nazarene.

Matthias Kretler

KENDALLVILE – Matthias "Mart" Kretler, 69. of Kendallville died at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2004, in Cape Coral, FL.

Mr. Kretler was a tool and die maker and one of the original partners of X-Y Tool and Die in LaOtto and remained with the company from 1971 to 1991.

He had lived in Noble County since 1968 and in Fort Wayne from 1952 to 1968. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 242 in Albion and a 50-year member of the Fort Wayne Sports Club.

Mr. Kretler played and coached soccer for several years. He enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with his family and time in the woods.

He was born Oct. 10, 1934, in Klenak, Yugoslavia to Josef and Anna (Zeitler) Kretler. He came to the United States and became a citizen in 1952. On April 11, 1959, in Toledo, Ohio, he married Rose Marie"Rosie" Erndl. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joseph and Janet Kretler, John and Cindy Kretler and Richard Kretler, all of Avilla; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Jon Spaw of Kendallville, and Tina and Mark Ball of Ft. Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Pauline Kretler of DeBarry, FL.; and 11 grandchildren, Tiffany, Heather, Jakob, Kayla, Jessica, Ashley and Andrew Kretler, Braden Ball, and Samantha, Erica and Jon-Matthew Spaw.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert M. Kretler, on Sept. 27, 1979, a grandson, John Michael Kretler II, and a brother, Johann Kretler.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla with military graveside service by American Legion Post 240 in Avilla.

Memorials are to Sport Club Youth Soccer Programs, 3120 Ardmore Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46802, and to the East Noble High School scholarship for a student who plans to study tool and die.

Weldon May and family wish to express our appreciation for the gracious thoughts, prayers, cards, and flowers during the illness and death of Margaret.

We thank Pastor Ann for her comforting words and the women of St. Marks Lutheran Church for hosting our luncheon.

You will all be in our hearts and memories forever.

Weldon May
Lowell May and family
Loren May and family
Mariellyn May Rollins and family

Thomas Kline

KIMMELL – Thomas C. Kline, 61, of Kimmell died Monday, February 16, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient since Saturday.

Mr. Kline was a lifetime resident of Noble County. He had worked 13 years at Duo Therm in LaGrange and retired in 2000 after five years at Hy-Matic Manufacturing in Kendallville.

He was born August 31, 1942, in Kendallville to Carl and Mary (Wirick) Kline, His mother survives in South Milford and his father is deceased. On September 20, 2002, he married Myrtle Heltzel in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shannon M. Kline of South Milford; a son, Nickalous E. Kline of South Milford; two stepdaughters, Laura Charles of Wolcottville and Pat Nimmo of Cromwell; and two brothers, Larry D. Kline of Fort Collins, CO, and Gregory L. Kline of Chico, CA.

Services were held Thursday, February 19, 2004, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery.

Dalles King

ALBION – Dalles King, 79, died Wednesday, February 18, 2004, in the emergency room of Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born June 23, 1924, to Carl A. and Lottie May (Budd) King in Green Township, Noble County. On November 1, 1947, he married Claudine Baker in Albion. She survives.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. King had been a welder and mechanic, worked 17 years for Farm Bureau Co-op, 13 years for McClure Implement, and for 21 years was self-employed.

He was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran, was in the 1st LST to invade Omaha Beach in Normandy and received a Purple Heart for the English Channel engagement. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 246 in Albion.

In addition to his wife, Claudine, Mr. King is survived by a daughter, Kathleen (Jim) Knafel of Albion; two sons, Dennis (Sandra) King of Albion and Gary King (Lon Brown) of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Terry Knafel, Brenda Jarrell, Brian Knafel, Kevin Knafel, Nicole Smith, Augusta and Adam Bennett, Burt and Angela King and Justin King; step-grandchildren, Rob and Cheryl Koher, Jeff and Josie Koher, and Steven Koher; nine great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; three brothers, Glenn (Shirley) King of Avilla, Lowell (Hazel) King of Auburn, Harold (Delores) King of Bonita Springs; seven sisters, Hilda Linskey of Coldwater, MI, Edith Maddex of Grabill, Delores (Perry) of San Antonio, Irene Roy of Demotte, IN, Ardith (Ronnie) Keister of Wolcottville, Diane Mattews (Matt) and Nancy Blaskie of Fort Wayne; and sister-in-law, Esther King of Monroe, MI.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Devota Bolen; and brother, Eldon King.

Services were held Sunday, February 22, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Interment was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military graveside services by American Legion Post #246 of Albion.

For those who wish, memorials are to Albion 1st Responders or Noble County EMS.

Samuel Payton

KENDALLVILLE – Samuel E. Payton, 78, of Kendallville died Tuesday, February 17, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Payton had retired as a machinist from Dana Corporation's clutch division in Auburn and was a member of the True Church of God in Jesus Name in Kendallville.

He was born May 16, 1925, to W.C. and Florence (Terry) Payton in Mitchell. He first married Betty Gamble. She died in 1992. On January 26, 1993, he married Gracie (Ously) Terry in Albion. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Jessie Hiles of Avilla; four stepsons and spouses, Jackie and Judy Terry, Shannon and Phyllis Terry and Bill Edward and Sharon Terry, all of Kendallville, and Sheridan and Carman Terry of Ligonier; four brothers and spouses, Ralph and Janice Payton of Corunna, Claude and Phyllis Payton and Richard and Evelyn Payton, all of Auburn, and Delbert and Mary Lou Payton of Waterloo; two sisters, Betty Hissong and Virginia Buttermore, both of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Katie Payton of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Danielle Payton of Avilla; a grandson, Samuel Payton of Avilla; 10 step-grandchildren; seven step-great-grandchildren; and two nephews and a niece that he raised, Charles Gamble of Detroit, MI, Ed Gamble of Houston, TX, and Carolyn High of Helmer.

Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Paul, Robert and Arthur Payton.

Services were held Friday, February 20, 2004, at the True Church of God in Jesus Name. Burial was in Corunna Cemetery in Corunna.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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John Lash

AVILLA – John H. "Johnny" Lash 77, of Avilla died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Lash was a farmer and had retired in 1987 after 36 years with the B&O Railroad.

He was a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and was active with its bingo games and its Labor Day Festival. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Lash enjoyed meeting his friends at the Country Kitchen and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He liked working in his yard and telling jokes and stories.

He wa born April 22, 1926 in Avilla to Herman and Mary A. (Lemper) Lash. He married Dorothy A. Hoeffler in Garrett on Sept. 10, 1949. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Darrell and Dorothy Lash and David and Rachel Lash of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Bob Herrli of Elkhart; six sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Evets of Goshen, Theresa Parker of Auburn, Phyllis Heffner of Elkhart, Joann Heizer of Butler, Mary Jean and Charles Ley of Avilla, and Ruth Marti of Matoon, IL.; a brother and sister-in-law, Louis and Betty Lash of Avilla; and eight grandchildren, Mike , Jason, Colby, Nick, Tyler and Ryan Lash, and Justin and Megan Herrli; and a great-granddaughter, Tiffany Lash.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rose Lash, in 1956, and two brothers, Harold Lash and Albert Lash.

Services were Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Beverly Shank

AVILLA – Beverly "Bev" A. Shank, 70, died Friday, February 20. 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A lifetime member of the community, she was born July 31, 1933, to Lawrence and Lelia (Schmuck) Uhl on the Uhl family farm on Baseline Rd. near Avilla.

On May 1, 1952, she married Samuel "Sam" Shank in Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville. He survives in Avilla.

Mrs. Shank was a homemaker and a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church. She was an avid genealogist, and loved sewing, crafts, music, her children and grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sons and one daughter-in-law, Michael Shank of Avilla and Pat and Donna Shank of Groten, CT; daughter and son-in-law, Darcy and Marty Taylor of Sandpoint, ID; six grandchildren, Emily Taylor, Luke, Neale, Naomi, Samuel and Kimberly Shank; one great-grandchild, Maynard Lyon; one sister-in-law, Marcille Uhl of Avilla; and one brother-in-law, F. Dean Jackson of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Robert Uhl; and a sister, D'Maris Jackson.

Services were held Monday, February 23, 2004, at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Kendallville.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the donor's choice.

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Michael Stienbarger

WARSAW — Michael J. "Mike" Stienbarger, 52, of Warsaw died at 2:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at the emergency room at Kosciusko Community Hospital.

Mr. Stienbarger

Mr. Stienbarger was a computer technician at Wawasee Community Schools and owned Daystar Computers.

He had resided in Kosciusko County for 10 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran. He was a member of the United Pentecostal Church in Warsaw where he was a Sunday school teacher, signed for the deaf ministry, was Bible quizzing coach and the church's computer technician. He was involved in home Bible study groups for the church.

He was born Aug. 25, 1951, in Kendallville to Robert Joseph and Grace Ann (Conn) Stienbarger. They survive in Albion. On Dec. 4, 1993, he married Nina Bryant. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Heidi J. Stienbarger Wilson of Louisville, Ky., and Star Stienbarger of New Albany and Warsaw; and four brothers, Robert and Timothy Stienbarger, both of Albion, Curt Stienbarger of Warsaw and Eric Stienbarger of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Steve Wilson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the United Pentecostal Church in Warsaw with Pastor Dan Cox officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion with military graveside services by American Legion Post 246 of Albion.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Titus Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Tupelo Children's Mansion, P.O. Box 127, Tupelo, Miss., 38802 or the United Pentecostal Church — Children's Ministry, 825 N. Harrison St., Warsaw, IN 46580.

Evelyn Lovaas

LAGRANGE — Evelyn L. Lovaas, 82, of LaGrange died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Lovaas

Mrs. Lovaas was a beautician and homemaker and a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

She had moved to LaGrange in 1974 from Searcy, Ark.

She was born March 11, 1921, in Belva, Okla., to James W. and Mary E. (Long) McCollum. On Nov. 5, 1943, in Bowling Green, Ohio, she married Robert F. Lovaas. He died Feb. 5, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marci and Maurice Reimund of Bowling Green, and two grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Barclay Bowman

KIMMELL — Barclay Keith Bowman, 83, of Smalley Lake died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at his home. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Bowman was a retired mathematics and science teacher. His first teaching position was at Wolf Lake High School. He then taught at Lewis Cass High School in North Webster and retired from Wawasee High School in 1980.

He had lived at Smalley Lake since 1970 and had previously lived in Ypsilanti, Mich., Edinburg, Rutgers, N.J., and Logansport.

He was born July 30, 1920, in Roanoke to Donald M. and Lucille (Smyzer) Bowman. He attended grade school in Kimmell and graduated from Columbia City High School. He received his undergraduate and master's degree in forestry from the University of Michigan. He later earned a master's degree in education from Rutgers University.

During World War II he served as a platoon leader in the United States Marine Corps.

On June 24, 1944, he married Florence G. Grissom. She died Oct. 11, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert K. and Jean Bowman of Kittitas, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Roger Lemaster of Warsaw; a brother, Pat Bowman of Columbia City; a sister, UnaDell Smith of Columbia City; three grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Family services will be held Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Fund or the American Cancer Society.

Vivian Rarick

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Vivian M. Rarick, 93, of Arlington Heights and formerly of Syracuse, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at Northwest Community Health Care.

Mrs. Rarick had been a medical secretary for Indianapolis Industrial Clinic and had lived at one time in Vermillion County, Ill., and Clearwater, Fla.

She was a former president of the Girl Scout Council in Danville, Ill., the Vermillion County Medical Auxiliary and the Illinois State Medical Auxiliary. She served on the board of Community Research Institute for Services where she started a program of home-delivered meals and senior adult meals.

Mrs. Rarick had been honored as one of the Outstanding Women of Danville and enjoyed writing books on her family's genealogy.

She was born April 3, 1910, in Indianapolis to Stanley and Leana (Irish) Short.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda Crim of Arlington Heights; a sister, Armilda O'Connor of Lakeside, Calif.; three grandchildren and their spouses, David and Cindy Crim of Arlington Heights, Cheryl and Craig Burr of Urbana, Ill., and Brian and Jennifer Crim of Hudson, Wis..; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Alden Rarick; a daughter, Phyllis Jo Rarick; and a sibling, Beryle McCallip.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Syracuse with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be two hours prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Virgil Gordon

FORT WAYNE — Virgil G. Gordon, 80, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco, died at 2:25 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at the Byron Health Center where he had resided for several years.

Mr. Gordon had lived near Churubusco as a boy and later near Etna. He then moved to a farm north of Fort Wayne where he assisted with the family farming operation.

He was born Jan. 12, 1924, in Allen County to Edward E. and Mabel (Geiger) Gordon.

Surviving are three brothers and sisters-in-law, Raymond and Nell Gordon of South Milford, Clifford and Edythe Gordon of Fort Wayne and Norman and Margie Gordon of Columbia City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Lavon and Chester Steffen of Fort Wayne, and Inez and Roy Caywood of Syracuse.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Geneva Gordon, on May 31, 1987.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Ruth Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery near Churubusco.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Philip 'Cork' Miller

HUNTERTOWN — Philip G. "Cork" Miller, 60, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at 6:48 a.m. in Parkview North Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Miller worked as a supervisor at Dana Corp. in Syracuse. He had lived in Huntertown for 15 years.

Mr. Miller

He was born Nov. 1, 1943, in Garrett to George A. and Maryellen (Refner) Miller. They preceded him in death.

He married Nancy L. Dinius on Aug. 27, 1994, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother, Tim Miller of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Barbara Campbell of Rome City and Sheri Rollins of Garrett.

Graveside services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in the Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be at the gravesite.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Sandra Pearson** were held at 10:30 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Howard Stanley officiated.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bernard Walker Sr., Bernard Walker Jr., Rod Walker, Bob Walker, Brian Walker, Brian Billings, Bo Billings and Tony Pearson.

ADVANCED LEADER LIGONIER, INDIANA
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Ligonier man dies in S.R. 5 accident

LAGRANGE — The bicyclist hit and killed by a semi Friday has been identified by his brother as Robert A. Ratliff, 40, of Ligonier.

The brother came forward to LaGrange County Sheriff's deputies Monday night.

Robert Ratliff was first noticed missing on Sunday.

"My mother said something Sunday that he hadn't been home," Walter Ratliff, Robert's brother, said.

When Robert still hadn't returned home Monday, Walter decided to call the LaGrange Sheriff's Department and inquire as to whether the victim of Friday's crash was Amish or English.

Amish bike riders are common in LaGrange County.

Walter Ratliff eventually went to LaGrange and identified his brother.

According to Walter Ratliff, it was not uncommon for his brother to go to a friend's house for two days or more.

Ratliff was killed Friday night as he rode a bicycle south on S.R. 5 near Topeka. Walter Ratliff said his brother may have been on his way to visit a sister who lived in t area.

According to a LaGran County Sheriff's Departme report, Ratliff turned into t travel portion of the road front of the semi. He was ai lifted from the scene, but d not survive. Driver Dona Chaney, 59, of Muskego Mich., had not been drinki at the time of the accident.

OBITUARIES

Services were Monday for Patricia Fisher

LIGONIER — Funeral services were held Monday for Ligonier businesswoman and active community volunteer Patricia J. Fisher, 53, of Ligonier, who died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Fisher was co-owner of Fisher Insurance and Able Realty in Ligonier and had previously worked in banking for 22 years. She had moved to the area in 1969 from Chicago.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and a charter board member of the West Noble Day Care and a former member of Kappa Delta Phi Sorority.

Mrs. Fisher collected Longaberger baskets and Precious Moments figurines. She loved to read and enjoyed spending summers at Lake Tippecanoe. She loved her family and friends and often helped care for the elderly and ailing and provided transportation for those who could not drive.

She was born Jan. 21, 1951, in Chicago the daughter of James A. and Christine V. (Eichberger) Martin. They are deceased. On Dec. 1, 1979, in Ligonier she married Anthony W. Fisher Jr. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Andrea, at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Sherry Martin of Lockport, Ill., and Joseph and Kathy Martin of Syracuse; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Jim Lenihan of Des Plaines, Ill., Gail and Ed Sonne of Chicago, Mary and Craig Studer of Corona, Calif., and Virginia and Matt Neises of Syracuse.

Services were Monday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Dale Bauman and Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Kenneth Smith remembere by family and friends

LIGONIER — Kenneth L. Smith, 78, died Thursday, Feb. 19, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at his home.

A lifetime resident of the Ligonier area, Mr. Smith had manage the greenhouse for the former Schrock's Greenhouse in Ligonier for over 30 years and built up a lifetime of community service.

Mr. Smith

He was a member and past exalted ruler of Ligonier Elks Lodge No. 451 and a lifetime member of West Noble American Legion Post. He had served on the Ligonier school board and the Noble County Draft Board. He attended the Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Mr. Smith was an avid Indiana University basketball and Chicago Cubs baseball fan and enjoye watching sports on television. He had played softball in his earlier years and had played on a bowling league. He enjoyed gardening and was well known for his flower gardens.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and served i the American and Asiatic-Pacific theaters during World War II.

He was born July 12, 1925, in Nappanee to Roy E. and Luella (Parcell) Smith.

On June 6, 1946, he married Mary Hayes in Angola. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard L. "Rick" Smith of Ligonier and Kirk L. and Denise Smith of Jasper; a daughter and son-in-law, DeeAnn and Jim Mehl of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Erma Jean and Jim Smith of Hendersonville, Tenn.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter-in-law Linda K. Smith; two sisters, Betty C. Smith and Mary E. Stouder; an infant brother; and a granddaughter, Kimberly Ann Mehl.

Services were Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Larry Baker will officiated.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Robert Ratliff

LIGONIER — Robert Allen "Rob" Ratliff, 40, of Ligonier died at 8:21 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 2004, at Memorial Hospital of South Bend. Mr. Ratliff had been involved in a traffic accident earlier that evening.

Mr. Ratliff

Mr. Ratliff enjoyed football.

He was born Dec. 21, 1963, in Grundy, Va., to Walter Sr. and Mae (Shortridge) Ratliff. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a daughter, Samantha Mae Ratliff of Ligonier; a son, Travis Allen Ratliff of Ligonier; four brothers, Walter Ratliff of Wawaka, Russ Ratliff of Topeka, Joe Ratliff of Ligonier and Rick Ratliff of Peru; five sisters, Judy Boyd of Syracuse, Mary Cline of Cromwell, Angie Ratliff of Fort Wayne, Margaret Ratliff of Topeka and Rachel Ratliff of Cromwell; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Shawn Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the funeral home.

Vivian M. Rarick

SYRACUSE — Services for Vivian M. Rarick, 93, will be Saturday, Feb. 28 at 1 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Syracuse. Calling is two hours before the service at the church.

The former Syracuse resident died Wednesday at Northwest Community Health Care in Arlington Heights, Ill.

See Thursday's *News-Sun* for a full obituary and more details.

Lois Jordan

KENDALLVILLE — Lois M. Jordan, 73, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

A former Avilla resident, she worked at Hippensteel Nursing Home, the DeKalb County Home and then as an aide at DeKalb Memorial Hospital before retiring in 1975. She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

She was born March 27, 1930, in Waterloo to Cover C. and Mabel M. (Brown) Boyd. Her parents preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, James L. Jordan of Waterloo and Rodney A. and Ramonna Jordan of Kendallville; four daughters and sons-in-law, Linda L. and Dennis Ferguson of Auburn, Patricia J. and Rodney Hutzell of Chantelli, Va., Kathleen A. and Tony Dunham of Dade City, Fla., and Pamela S. and Kenny Gordon of Kendallville; 12 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, one great-grandchild and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Louise Lennon.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren in rural Auburn, with the Rev. Don Shankster officiating.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

James Green

SEBRING, Fla. — James Roy Green, 77, of Sebring died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, in Sebring.

Mr. Green had moved to Sebring in 1980 from Howe, Ind. He spent the summers at Cedar Lake in Howe.

He was a World War II Marine Corps veteran and a member of the American Legion and South Milford, Ind., United Methodist Church.

Mr. Green had been a hammerman in the forge department of International Harvester truck parts plant in Fort Wayne, Ind., and also a farmer.

He was born July 17, 1926, in LaGrange County, Ind., the son of Robert Otis and Hazel Irene (Fores) Green.

Surviving are his wife, Betty Lue Green of Sebring; two sons, David Roy Green of Columbia City, Ind., and Jody K. Green of Howe; a brother, Ronald Karl Green of Wooster, Ohio; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

Services were held in Sebring.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct the day of the funeral.

Evelyn Lovaas

LAGRANGE — Evelyn L. Lovaas, 82, of LaGrange died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Lovaas was a beautician and homemaker and a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Lovaas

She had moved to LaGrange in 1974 from Searcy, Ark.

She was born March 11, 1921, in Belva, Okla., to James W. and Mary E. (Long) McCollum. On Nov. 5, 1943, in Bowling Green, Ohio, she married Robert F. Lovaas. He died Feb. 5, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marci and Maurice Reimund of Bowling Green, and two grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Stephen Flynn officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Eiline Marshall-Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Eiline Irene Marshall-Temple, 75, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ in South Milford. She retired in 1995 from McCray Memorial Hospital after 29 years as a nurses aid. She also owned her own bake shop. Most recently she was an independent carrier for Fort Wayne Newspapers and received an award as Carrier of the Region.

She was born on June 16, 1928, in Huntertown to Emery and Lilly (Matthews) Kistler.

Mrs. Marshall-Temple

She first married Maurice G. Marshall in September 1946. He preceded her in death on Oct. 6, 1983. She then married Russel E. Temple in April 1995, and he preceded her in death on May 28, 1999.

She is survived by a son, Ron and Sandra Marshall of Kendallville; two daughters and one son-in-law, LuAnn Hart of Avilla and Sheila and Clarence Treesh of Kendallville; two stepsons and one daughter-in-law, Philip and Vickie Temple of Oahu, Hawaii and Russel Temple of Douglasville, Ga.; a brother and sister-in-law, Darold and Betty Kistler of Kendallville; a sister, Helen Wiles of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Sandy and Bonnie Temple of Auburn and Don Temple of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Gloria Graves of Auburn; three grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Willis "Pete" Kistler; one stepson, Robert Temple; and a granddaughter, Kim Treesh Baisden.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Chartwell in care of St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Send condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Delvan Seybert

LAGRANGE. — Delvan F. "Bud" Seybert, 80, of LaGrange died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at 5:30 a.m. at the Cleveland Clinic in Naples, Fla., following a short illness.

Mr. Seybert was a life-long resident of the Scott, Ind., and White Pigeon, Mich., area. He worked as a farmer, in trailer factories and with his son for Backhaulers Inc. for six years. Mr. Seybert retired in 1993.

Mr. Seybert was born in Three Rivers, Mich., on July 23, 1923, to Arthur D. and Thressa R. (McGary) Seybert.

He graduated from Scott High School in 1941. He married Phyllis A. Ramsier on Feb. 13, 1948. Mr. Seybert was a member of Scott United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed spending winters in Florida; where he attended Faith United Methodist Church in Fort Meyers, Fla.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Tony Holsinger of Howe and Linda and LaMar Hochstedler of Topeka; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory A. and Carolyn Seybert of Elkhart; a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Robert Wiseman of Elkhart; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Scott United Methodist Church with the Rev. Brenda Burnworth officiating. Burial will be in White Pigeon Township Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Farrand Funeral Home in White Pigeon, Mich.

Memorial contributions are to Scott United Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

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Rex Mercer

BIG LAKE — Rex P. Mercer, 62, of Big Lake died at 10:20 a.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at the family residence following a lengthy illness. He had been in declining health for the past six years.

Mr. Mercer worked as an electrical engineer at Fibre Form Corp. in Columbia City for 12 years, retiring from there in 1997 due to ill health.

He was born Sept. 5, 1941, in Marion to Pardell Davis and Rosetta (Boothby) Mercer. The family moved to Fort Wayne when Mr. Mercer was young.

As a young man, Mr. Mercer served with the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam.

He married Joan Bixby in Fort Wayne on April 27, 1968. They lived in Fort Wayne until moving to Big Lake in 1998.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City and an active member of several veterans organizations. He was a past president of the Veterans National Memorial Shrine in Fort Wayne, and he was a member of American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne and VFW Post 357 in Fort Wayne.

He is survived by his wife; two children and their spouses, Lisa and Mark Doehrman of Columbia City and Rex J. and Melissa Mercer of Big Lake; his mother; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rosalie and Robert Adams of Fort Wayne, Ruth and Ned Bilger of Columbia City and Rita White of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren, Weston, Laura and Brandon Doehrman.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City with Pastor James Haugen officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with full military rites by American Legion Post 82.

Calling will be one hour prior to service at the church.

Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City.

Funeral arrangements are by Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Annette Winebrenner

ALBION — Annette Winebrenner, 65, of Albion died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at 6 p.m. at her residence in Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA
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McPheeters lived, breathed firefighting

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — Gary McPheeters was chasing Garrett fire trucks when he was still riding a tricycle.

He never lost his fascination with firefighting, becoming a volunteer on the Garrett department and then joining the Auburn Fire Department in 1986.

His dedication to his profession will live on, thanks to a memorial scholarship in tribute to his commitment to the fire service.

Mr. McPheeters, 46, died Feb. 18 following a 14-month battle with cancer.

"Gary lived and breathed the fire service and was passionate about the safety of the community," said his friend and co-worker, Mike Good. The two served 24-hour shifts together at the old Station 1 on Auburn's Ninth Street, before a new station was built and Good became an assistant chief in charge of training.

Auburn Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 2454 started the scholarship, which will be awarded annually to a son or daughter of a DeKalb County firefighter.

"It is our hope that this fund will be a lasting tribute," said Chief Jerry Bauermeister.

Good said his friend was "always studying" firefighting, especially safety and equipment. Mr. McPheeters was in charge of the commissary and as such knew much about what clothing offered the best protection and what was the latest and best in equipment.

"He went all over the country to attend shows and schools, and every chance he had he would visit other departments, all over the United States," Good said.

"He would do anything he could to help with safety issues," Bauermeister added.

The Auburn firefighter was well liked by other departments, Bauermeister said, and Mr. McPheeters was quick to take a rookie under his wing and share his knowledge.

Mr. McPheeters had a large collection of firefighting memorabilia, from alarm boxes to badges. "Anything he could get his hands on, actually," Good said.

His other loves, his friends noted, were his wife, Coleen, and Dalmatian dogs.

"Smokey was his first dog, and he — and the whole department — was devastated when Smokey died," Bauermeister said. Shadow was Mr. McPheeters' current dog, and he also loved his cat, Sox.

Auburn firefighter Gary McPheeters enjoyed working with kids in fire prevention and safety programs.

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Eiline Marshall-Temple

KENDALLVILLE — Eiline Irene Marshall-Temple, 75, of Kendallville died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004.

Mrs. Marshall-Temple

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ in South Milford. She retired in 1995 from McCray Memorial Hospital after 29 years as a nurse's aide. She also owned her own bake shop. Most recently she was an independent carrier for Fort Wayne Newspapers and received an award as Carrier of the Region.

She was born on June 16, 1928, in Huntertown to Emery and Lilly (Matthews) Kistler.

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She then married Russel E. Temple in April 1995, and he preceded her in death on May 28, 1999.

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Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Chartwell in care of St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis or to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice.

Condolences may be posted at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Annette Winebrenner

ALBION — Annette Winebrenner, 65, died at 6 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at her home in Albion. She had been in failing health for the past 5 1/2 years.

Mrs. Winebrenner worked for several years as a deputy clerk and deputy treasurer at the Noble County Courthouse until she became ill. A lifelong resident of Noble County, she was a member of Albion First Presbyterian Church, the church choir and the Elizabeth Circle. She loved her family and friends and enjoyed cooking and gardening.

She was born Feb. 9, 1939, in Albion to James and Leah (Prickett) Edwards.

She married Russell A. Winebrenner on Oct. 6, 1957, in Michigan. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Ryan Winebrenner of Kendallville, Kent and Trish Winebrenner of Tomball, Texas, and Paul Winebrenner of Albion; two daughters and a son-in-law, Barbara Hinton of Tomball and Teresa and Chris Wilkinson of Friendswood, Texas; and six grandchildren, Parker Winebrenner, Brandon Winebrenner, Derek Wilkinson, Evan Wilkinson, Joshua Wilkinson and Christan Wilkinson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Albion First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Stanley R. Wilson and the Rev. C. Donald Richter will officiate. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to Albion First Presbyterian Church.

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FEBRUARY 29 2004

George Wagoner Jr.

KENDALLVILLE — George D. Wagoner Jr., 82, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, in Melbourne, Fla.

Before retiring in 1989, Mr. Wagoner had careers as a museum curator, business manager and antique dealer. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church in Melbourne.

His ancestors were pioneers in Indiana and Ohio. They moved to Stark County, Ohio, in the 1820s from Pennsylvania, and his great-great-grandparents settled in DeKalb County in 1848, farming in Franklin Township.

Mr. Wagoner was born Aug. 3, 1921, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to George and Maree Wagoner. The family moved to Kendallville in 1927 and lived at 711 E. Mitchell St., next to the McCray Mansion. His father came to Kendallville to manage the Uhlman Department Store and opened his own clothing store on Mitchell Street in 1933, later moving the business to Main Street.

Mr. Wagoner graduated from Kendallville High School in 1939, then attended Indiana University until entering the Army in World War II. After serving in the Coast Artillery in Boston, he was discharged and returned to IU, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1945. Over the next five years, he completed graduate work in museum studies at Harvard University and in art at New York University and the Sorbonne in Paris.

His father died in 1950 and his mother continued as owner and operator of Wagoner's Apparel Shop on Kendallville's Main Street until her retirement in 1970, when she moved to San Antonio.

Mr. Wagoner went on to focus his career in the management of museums, beginning in 1950 as an assistant curator at the DuPont Winterthur Museum in Wilmington, Del. Moving to Manhattan in 1952, he was a manager at Scalamandre Silks for eight years, serving many interesting clients, including the Duchess of Windsor and Greta Garbo. He joined the antiques firm of Gene Thall in 1960 as a dealer, and developed a following in decorating with original artificial flower displays.

In 1968, he became director of the Old Gaol Museum in York, Maine, and in 1970 became curator of the Southhold Historical Society on Long Island. In this position, he greatly expanded the museum properties and directed the restoration of the historic 1857 Horton's Point Lighthouse on Long Island Sound. The lighthouse was also his home until his retirement in 1989.

After retirement, he moved to Indialantic (Melbourne), where he had a condominium on the Atlantic Ocean.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John W. Wagoner, and sister, Mary McFadden Dean.

He is survived by two nephews, John D. Wagoner of Knoxville, Tenn., and Robert McFadden Jr. of San Antonio; and four nieces, Jeannine Wagoner Harrold of Muncie, Jalna Wagoner Bednar of Las Vegas, Kathleen McFadden Stern of Gales Ferry, Conn., and Montous McFadden of Saunderstown, R.I.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. Fr. Paul Bebis of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Fort Wayne will officiate.

There will be no calling. Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be sent to berhalterhutchins@hotmail.com.

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June Collins

ORLAND — June E. Collins, 93, of Orland died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

She was the proprietor and owner of the Collins School, a one-room schoolhouse on S.R. 120 between Orland and Fremont. She attended the school, later teaching there.

She also taught at Fremont and retired after teaching for many years at Hendry Park Elementary School in Angola. She was a graduate of Manchester College and Ball State University.

She was a Sunday school teacher, church historian and member of the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church. She was also a former grand marshal for Vermont Settlement Days in Orland.

Her hobbies included gardening, bird watching and photography.

She was born in Fremont on June 21, 1910, to Lynn Edward and Mary Bell (Tubbs) Collins.

She is survived by two sisters, Dorothy Miller and Pauline Rhine, both of Angola; one brother and sister-in-law, Morris and Edwina Collins of Fremont; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Paul E. Collins.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Nevada Mills United Methodist Church with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont and one hour prior to the service Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church or the Collins School.

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Anne Chinn

AUBURN — Anne Belford Chinn died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Chinn worked many years in real estate in Pittsburgh, and also worked 18 years for Allegheny County, Pa. While in Florida, she attended the Sun Coast Cathedral in St. Petersburg and volunteered for 18 years with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). In Indiana, she attended the Auburn Nazarene Church and continued to work with RSVP.

She was born in Pittsburgh to Michael A. and Anna Mary (Reed) Belford.

She married William McDougall Chinn, who preceded her in death on April 21, 1990.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Anne and Richard DePoe of Nashota, Wis., and Suzanne Chinn Eckert and Steven Eckert of Waterloo; three grandchildren, Hattie Walker, Maggi Eckert and Anne Mary Reid; and six great-grandchildren, Cassandra Walker, Nathanial Walker, Jordan Eckert, Noah Reid, Nathan Reid and Jaykob Rhodes.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth Dayton and Emma Zahringer.

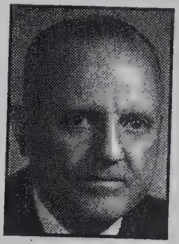
Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Friday at Allegheny County Memorial Park in Allison Park, Pa.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the local chapter of the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Franklin Emrick



Mr. Emrick

HASTINGS, Minn. — Franklin Glasgow Emrick, 95, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Augustana Health Care Center in Hastings, Minn.

Mr. Emrick worked as an accountant and management consultant for 45 years at various companies, including Green Giant, Montgomery Ward, Schleh Associates, Safeguard Industries, Hydro-Power, Benchmark and Savoy Supply.

He was a member of the Masons of Minnesota, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and the Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine. He served as Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star from 1959-1970. He was actively involved in the Masonic Hospital Fund Inc. during the creation of the Masonic Cancer Hospital at the University of Minnesota. He enjoyed hunting and golf into his late 80s.

He was born in Helmer to George and Mary (Glasgow) Emrick. He graduated from Kendallville High School and went on to graduate from South Bend Business College. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting-business and finance from the University of Illinois in 1934.

Services will be held at a later date. Ellis-Wise Funeral & Cremation Services of Hastings is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Masonic Cancer Center Fund Inc., 1700 W. Hwy. 36, No. 120, Roseville, MN 55113, or to the Augustana Health Care Center, 930 16th St. West, Hastings, MN 55033.

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David Nowels

KENDALLVILLE — David E. Nowels, 37, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Nowels worked in maintenance at Wible Lumber Co. in South Milford. He also installed emergency equipment on new City of Kendallville vehicles.

Mr. Nowels

He served on the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC) of Noble County and had been a member of the Kendallville Fire Department since 1992. He had served as captain of the HAZMAT team for two years and was honored as Firefighter of the Year in 2003.

Mr. Nowels enjoyed NASCAR racing, fishing, mushroom hunting and spending time with his daughter. He was a 1985 graduate of East Noble High School.

He was born Sept. 6, 1966, in Kendallville to Adrian and Jean (Donley) Nowels. They survive in Kendallville.

On Sept. 5, 1992, in Kendallville, he married Sandra Sedgwick. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Toriah Nowels, at home; a sister, Debra Arend-Sinclair of Kendallville; and a brother, Dennis Nowels of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Fire Department HAZMAT team.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dean Walter

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Dean E. Walter, 73, of White Pigeon died at 4:53 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart, Ind.

Mr. Walter had served in the Army Airborne Rangers.

He was born July 7, 1930, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Fairie and Pearl (Dunten) Walter. On May 24, 1960, in Sturgis, Mich., he married Rebecca Phillips. She survives in White Pigeon.

Also surviving are a daughter, Deana Lantz of Elkhart, Ind.; a sister, Mary Jane Myers of LaGrange, Ind.; a brother, Ira Walter of LaGrange; and a grandchild, Alexander Lantz of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Cremation will follow the services.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mary Nemore

HANOVER, Mich. — Mary Jane Nemore, 82, of Hanover died Thursday, Feb. 26, 2004, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Nemore was a homemaker.

She was born Sept. 4, 1921, in Floyd County, Ky., to John and Nancy Jane (Hall) Mullins.

Surviving are her husband, Jessie Nemore; four daughters, Essie Johnson of Howe, Ind., Shirley Moore of Mongo, Ind., Joan Briggs of Marshall and Thelma Hall of Bevinsville, Ky.; three sons, Larry Little of LaGrange, Ind., Gary Little of Melvin, Ky., and John Nemore of Homer, Mich.; two stepdaughters; 34 grandchildren; and 75 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four sisters and two brothers.

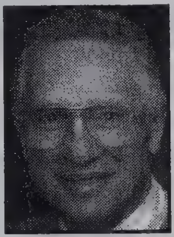
Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe, Ind., with Willard Johnson Jr. officiating. Burial will be in Springfield Township Cemetery in Mongo.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Harry Schlotterback

KENDALLVILLE — Harry S. Schlotterback, 86, of Kendallville died Saturday, Feb. 28, 2004, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schlotterback was a farmer and had worked for 40 years at McCray Refrigeration and at Flint & Walling in Kendallville


Mr. Schlotterback

He was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville and a life member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Schlotterback was born Sept. 15, 1917, in Green Township, Noble County, to Thomas and Florence (Ott) Schlotterback. On Nov. 21, 1940, he married Virginia F. Frederick. She died on Feb. 2, 1999.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Marna and Larry Donley of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Kathy Schlotterback of Fort Wayne; a brother, Franklin Schlotterback of Albion; four granddaughters, Alicia Straka and her husband, Randel, of Defiance, Ohio, Amy Donley of Fort Wayne, Jodie Schlotterback and her companion, Richard Cieslinske, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Sarah Elizabeth Billistiz of Fort Wayne; three grandsons, Curtis Donley and his wife, Dusanka, of Fort Wayne, Jason Schlotterback of Charlotte, N.C., and John Thomas Young of Fort Wayne; and six great-grandchildren.

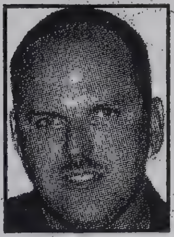
He was preceded in death by a son, Danny Schlotterback, in 1970; two brothers; and two sisters.

Fireman's work will be missed

BY DENNIS NARTKER
dennisn@kpcnews.net

KENDALLVILLE — He will be missed.

Kendallville volunteer firefighter David E. Nowels, 37, lost his battle with cancer Saturday. Longtime Kendallville firefighters Jim Ebert and Kurt Mundon said this morning their friend did much for the fire department behind the scenes.


Nowels

"He did a lot for the department the public did not realize," said Ebert, a former fire chief and 35-year member of the city fire department. "You won't replace him," he said.

Nowels' fellow firefighters appreciated his behind-the-scenes efforts by honoring him with the Firefighter of the Year award for 2003.

NOWELS: *Firefighter was captain of HAZMAT team*

"He was very active in the fire department," said Mundon, a 21-year veteran of the department. "He did a lot for us without public recognition. He was knowledgeable about maintaining just about anything you could think of."

Nowels was a volunteer firefighter since 1992 and served as captain of the fire department's HAZMAT team for two years while Ebert was chief.

"He made sure everything on the HAZMAT trailer worked," said Ebert.

As HAZMAT captain, Nowels was responsible for training his fellow firefighters and firefighters from other departments in HAZMAT procedures and coordinated response at HAZMAT emergency scenes, said Mundon, who served on the HAZMAT team with Nowels.

"He was very active in the department right up to when he became ill," said Mundon. "He taught us a lot. He will be missed."

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

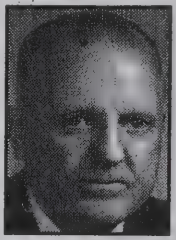
Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

The following obituary is being reprinted to include additional information.

Franklin Emrick

HASTINGS, Minn. — Franklin Glasgow Emrick, 95, died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2004, at Augustana Health Care Center in Hastings, Minn.


Mr. Emrick

Mr. Emrick worked as an accountant and management consultant for 45 years at various companies, including Green Giant, Montgomery Ward, Schleh Associates, Safeguard Industries, Hydro-Power, Benchmark and Savoy Supply.

He was a member of the Masons of Minnesota, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite and the Zuhrah Temple of the Shrine. He served as Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star from 1959-1970. He was actively involved in the Masonic Hospital Fund Inc. during the creation of the Masonic Cancer Hospital at the University of Minnesota. He enjoyed hunting and golf into his late 80s.

He was born in Helmer, Ind., to George and Mary (Glasgow) Emrick. He graduated from Kendallville, Ind., High School and then graduated from South Bend Business College. He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting, business and finance from the University of Illinois in 1934.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Helen; three sons and two daughters-in-law, George Emrick, Dennis and Carolyn Emrick and Robert and Eileen Emrick; two sisters, Louise Burkett and Emogene Sowle, both of Kendallville, Ind.; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and a brother.

Services will be held at a later date. Ellis-Wise Funeral & Cremation Services of Hastings is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the Masonic Cancer Center Fund Inc., 1700 W. Hwy. 36, No. 120, Roseville, MN 55113, or to Augustana Health Care Center, 930 16th St. West, Hastings, MN 55033.

Argyl Rhodes

AVILLA — Argyl C. Rhodes, 87, of Avilla died at 9:40 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Lucille Hollingsworth

WARREN — Lucille Hollingworth, 87, of Warren and formerly of Columbia City, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at the United Methodist Memorial Home where she had been a resident for several years.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Palmina Tonkel

LAOTTO — Funeral services for Palmina Lucia (Romano) Tonkel of LaOtto, 74, will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at St. Mary's of the Assumption Catholic Church in Avilla. Father Dan Durkin will officiate.

Mrs. Tonkel

A luncheon will follow at St. Mary's School.

Mrs. Tonkel died Sunday, Feb. 22, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Tonkel was born March 24, 1929, in Washington, D.C., and had worked for the United States government in Washington for 19 years.

Surviving are her husband of 38 years, Robert L. Tonkel Sr. of LaOtto; two sons and a daughter-in-law, John W. Tonkel of LaOtto and Robert L. Jr. and Sandra Tonkel of Leo; a daughter and son-in-law, AnneMarie and Tim Brown of Gaston; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anne Sayer of Moundsview, Minn., and Grace and Joseph Schwaab of Stanchfield, Minn.; and four grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Melissa Tonkel, all of Leo, and AnnaBella Brown of Gaston.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luciano and Maria Rosaria Romano, and a sister, Marie Romano.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Services and Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814, attention Jill Long in memory of Palmina Tonkel.

Wilma Mast

SHIPSHEWANA — Wilma L. Mast, 68, of Shipshewana died Monday, March 1, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Mast was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Nov. 30, 1935, in LaGrange to Levi A. and Ella C. (Troyer) Miller. Her mother survives in Shipshewana. On Dec. 4, 1956, in Shipshewana, she married Felty E. Mast. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon Kaye and Ora Lehman of Shipshewana; five sons and three daughters-in-law, Glenn Ray Mast of LaGrange, Richard and Lovina Mast of Nappanee, and Lyle and Mary Mast, Earl Mast and Mark and Miriam Mast, all of Shipshewana; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruby and Floyd Stutzman of Nappanee and Mary and Ervin Mast of Grovespring, Mo.; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Alva and Edna Miller of Shipshewana, Orva Miller of LaGrange and Levi Miller Jr. of Elkhart; 25 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Vernon Miller.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the 850 Center, north of U.S. 20 on C.R. 850W, Shipshewana, with Amish Bishop Leroy Miller, the Rev. Myron Miller and the Rev. Ervin Chupp officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the Ora Lehman residence, 2620 N. C.R. 850W, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Lucille Hollingsworth

WARREN — Lucille Rose Hollingsworth, 87, of Warren and formerly of Columbia City, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren.

Mrs. Hollingsworth was a native of Kokomo. She spent most of her adult life in Columbia City and was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hollingsworth

She and her late husband, Robert L. Hollingsworth, established Hollingsworth Memorial Chapel in Columbia City in 1955 and she assisted in the funeral home's operation until it was sold in 1992.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Cynthia and Robert Flint of Great Falls, Va., Ann and Stephen Hamilton of Springboro, Ohio, and Janeal Wilson of Florida; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Robert L. Hollingsworth Jr., who died in 1969; and two brothers, Richard Rose and William Rose.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be Green Hill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Memorial Services

Palmina Lucia (Romano) Tonkel

will be held **Thursday, March 4, 2004** at St. Mary's in Avilla. Father Dan Durkin will be officiating. Dinner to follow at St. Mary's School.

Memorials to:
Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home
Attn: Jill Long
5910 Homestead Rd.
Fort Wayne, IN 46814
Please include in memory of
Palmina Tonkel

James Johnson

CHURUBUSCO — James D. Johnson, 73, of Churubusco died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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Argyl Rhodes

AVILLA — Argyl C. Rhodes, 87, of Avilla died at 9:40 p.m. Monday, March 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been in failing health for the last five years and a patient at the hospital since Saturday evening.

Mr. Rhodes was a lifetime Avilla resident and had been employed at International Harvester/Navistar for 30 years.

He served in the Army in World War II and was a sergeant in the medical corps stationed in Africa and Italy.

Mr. Rhodes

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, a 46-year member of Avilla American Legion Post 240 and a longtime member of Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville. He had served as a flag holder at many military graveside services.

Mr. Rhodes enjoyed dancing, fishing and gardening. He often gave away his fruits and vegetables to Avilla residents.

He was born July 25, 1916, in LaOtto to Charles and Veda (Beasley) Rhodes. On July 24, 1948, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he married Pearl Ley. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Janet Zaucha of Avilla, Richard A. and Diane Rhodes of Little Turkey Lake, Robert and Kim Rhodes of rural Avilla and Jack R. and Tammy Rhodes of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Carl Mondoro of Mobile, Ala.; two brothers, Donald Rhodes of Avilla and Ernest Rhodes of Fort Wayne; a sister, Fern Sage of Huntertown; 11 grandchildren, Jillane Bastin, Cathy Conley, Rhonda Eickhoff, Rachelle Haslett, Rita Schonefeld, Brian Rhodes, Daniel Rhodes, Joni Rhodes, Jeni Rhodes, Jonathan Rhodes and Jennifer Harbaugh; 16 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, George, Kenneth and Bernard Rhodes, and a sister, Vestal Troyer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla with military graveside services by members of the Avilla American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Friday at the church. A rosary service will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the St. Mary's School building fund and the St. Mary's cemetery fund.

Barclay Bowman

KIMMELL – Barclay Keith Bowman, 83, retired mathematics and science teacher, died Tuesday, February 24, 2004, at his home at Smalley Lake. Mr. Bowman had been in failing health for several years.

He was born on July 30, 1920, in Roanoke, a son of Donald M. and Lucille Smyzer Bowman. His formative years were spent in Kimmell where he attended grade school, graduated from the Columbia City High School, received his undergraduate degree and a masters degree in forestry from the University of Michigan. Later, he earned a masters degree in education from Rutgers University.

During World War II, he served as a platoon leader in the United States Marine Corps.

On June 24, 1944, he was united in marriage to Florence G. Grissom and from 1946 to 1949, they made their home in Ypsilanti, Michigan, then resided in Edinburg, Indiana until 1952. Later they made their home in Rutgers, New Jersey, Logansport, and since 1970, have made their home at Smalley Lake in Noble County. Mrs. Bowman died on October 11, 1991.

Mr. Bowman's first teaching position was in the Wolf Lake High School, then the Lewis Cass High School, North Webster and retired from the Wawasee High School in 1980.

The surviving relatives include a son, Robert K. (Jean) Bowman, Kittitas, Washington; a daughter, Annette (Roger) Lemaster, Warsaw; three grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; a brother, Pat Bowman and a sister, UnaDell Smith, both of Columbia City.

In keeping with the request of Mr. Bowman, a family funeral service was held on Friday, February 27, 2004, in the Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery at Warsaw.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Heart Fund or the American Cancer Society.

In Loving Memory

RAY C. SHROYER

3-7-94

Although it has been 10 years we've been apart, you are always in my heart.

Ann

Dalles King

The family of Dalles King would like to express our heartfelt appreciation for all the prayers, cards, food, flowers and contributions made in dad's memory since his passing February 18, 2004.

Thank you to Pastor Earlewine for officiating at the service and special thanks to Edna Wildey who sent a very comforting tribute to be read at dad's service.

A very special thanks to Mark and Sara Tarlton and the women of the Eagles Auxiliary for hosting our luncheon after the service on Sunday.

Also a special thank you to the American Legion Post 246 color guard for the beautiful military service dad so honorably earned.

You will all forever be in our hearts and memories.

Claudine King, Jim & Kathleen Knafel and family, Dennis & Sandy King and family, Gary King & Lon Braun and family

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Garland Seavers

Thank you for the cards, calls, thoughts, prayers, and food at the death of my father Garland Seavers.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness

Carole Moore & Family

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Eiline Marshall-Temple

KENDALLVILLE – Eiline Marshall Temple, 75, of Kendallville, died Friday, February 27, 2004.

She was a member of South Milford Church of Christ in South Milford. She retired in 1995 from McCray Memorial Hospital after 29 years as a nurses aid. She also owned her own bake shop. Most recently she was an independent carrier for Fort Wayne Newspapers and received an award as Carrier of the Region.

She was born on June 16, 1928, in Huntertown to Emery and Lilly (Matthews) Kistler.

She first married Maurice G. Marshall in September 1946. He preceded her in death on October 6, 1983. She then married Russel E. Temple in April 1995, and he preceded her in death on May 18, 1999.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Ron and Sandra Marshall of Kendallville; two daughters and one son-in-law, LuAnn Hart of Avilla and Sheila and Clarence Treesh of Kendallville; two stepsons and one daughter-in-law, Philip and Vickie Temple of Oahu, Hawaii and Russel Temple of Douglasville, GA; a brother and sister-in-law, Darold and Betty Kistler of Kendallville; a sister, Helen Wiles of Kendallville; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Sandy and Bonnie Temple of Auburn and Don Temple of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Gloria Graves of Auburn; three grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and two step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Willis "Pete" Kistler; one stepson, Robert Temple; and a granddaughter, Kim Treesh Baisden.

Services were held Monday, March 1, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Mike Booher officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Annette Winebrenner

We wish to thank all the friends & neighbors of Annette Winebrenner for all their concerns, support & prayers

Russell, Ryan, Kent, Teresa, Paul & Barbara

Annette Winebrenner

ALBION – Annette Winebrenner, 65, died Friday, February 27, 2004, at her residence in Albion. She had been in failing health for the last 5 1/2 years.

A lifetime member of the community, she was born in Albion on February 9, 1939, to James and Leah (Prickett) Edwards.

On October 6, 1957, she married Russell A. Winebrenner in Michigan. He survives in Albion.

Mrs. Winebrenner had been Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasurer at the Noble County Courthouse for several years. She loved her family and friends, enjoyed cooking and gardening. She was a member of Albion First Presbyterian Church, the church choir, and the Elizabeth Circle.

In addition to her husband, Russell, she is also survived by three sons, Ryan Winebrenner of Kendallville, Kent (Trish) Winebrenner of Tomball, TX, and Paul Winebrenner of Albion; two daughters, Barbara Hinton of Tomball, TX, and Teresa (Chris) Wilkinson of Friendswood, TX; six grandchildren, Parker and Brandon Winebrenner, Derek, Evan, Joshua and Christan Wilkinson.

Services were held Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Albion First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Stanley R. Wilson and Rev. C. Donald Richter officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Albion First Presbyterian Church.

Michael Stienbarger

WARSAW – Michael "Mike" J. Stienbarger, 52, of Warsaw, died February 24, 2004, at Kosciusko Community Hospital ER in Warsaw.

He was born August 25, 1951, in Kendallville to Robert Joseph and Grace Ann (Conn) Stienbarger. They survive and live in Albion.

Mr. Stienbarger had been a resident of Kosciusko County for the past 10 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a member of United Pentecostal Church in Warsaw, a Sunday School teacher, and signed for the deaf. He was the Bible quizzing coach and did Home Bible Study Groups for the church, and was also the church's computer tech. He had worked for the Wawawsee Community Schools computer tech and the owner of Daystar Computers.

On December 4, 1993, he was married to Nina Bryant. She survives.

In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by two daughters, Heidi J. Stienbarger Wilson of Louisville, KY, and Star Stienbarger of New Albany and Warsaw; four brothers, Robert K. and Timothy Stienbarger, both of Albion, Curt Stienbarger of Warsaw, and Eric Stienbarger of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Steve Wilson.

Services were held Saturday, February 28, 2004, at United Pentecostal Church in Warsaw, with Pastor Dan L. Cox officiating. Interment was in Sweet Cemetery in Albion, with military rites conducted by the American Legion Post #246 of Albion.

For those who wish, memorials are to Tupelo Children's Mansion, P.O. Box 127, Tupelo, Mississippi 38802, or to United Pentecostal Church-Children's Ministry, 825 N. Harrison Street, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Titus Funeral Home of Warsaw.

Harry Schlotterback

KENDALLVILLE – Harry S. Schlotterback, age 86, died on Saturday, February 28, 2004, at the Bethlehem Woods Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

He was born on September 15, 1917, in Green Township, Noble County, to Thomas and Florence (Ott) Schlotterback.

He married Virginia F. Frederick on November 21, 1940, and she preceded his death on February 2, 1999.

He was a farmer and had worked for 40 years at McCray Refrigeration and at Flint & Walling in Kendallville. He was a member of First Christian Church in Kendallville and a life member of the Kendallville Eagles.

Mr. Schlotterback is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Marna and Larry Donley of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Fred and Kathy Schlotterback of Fort Wayne; three granddaughters, Alicia (Randel) Straka of Defiance, OH, Amy Donley of Fort Wayne, and Jodie (Richard Cieslinske) Schlotterback of Jacksonville, FL; two grandsons, Curtis (Dusanka) Donley of Fort Wayne, and Jason Schlotterback of Charlotte, NC; a brother, Franklin Schlotterback of Albion; and six great-grandchildren.

One son, Danny Schlotterback, preceded him in death in 1970. Also two brothers and two sisters preceded his death.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 3, 2004, from 2/4 and 6/8 p.m. at the Hite Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at the Lake View Cemetery following services on Thursday.

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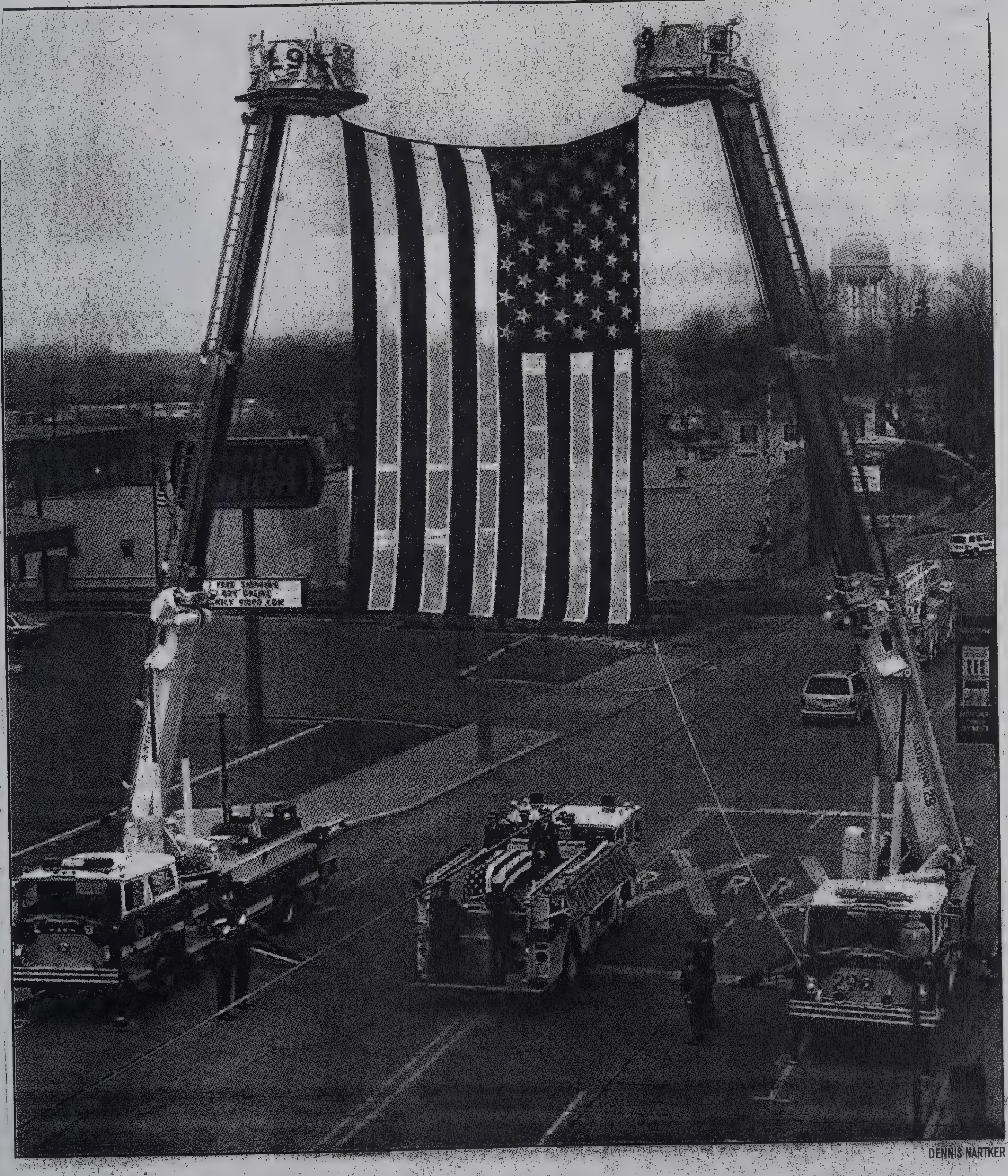

DENNIS NARTKER

Funeral procession

Kendallville firefighter David Nowels, who died Saturday, was laid to rest at Lake View Cemetery Wednesday. The funeral procession, which included fire, police and emergency units from area departments, proceeded along North Main Street under an American flag hung by Angola and Auburn fire units..

James Johnson

CHURUBUSCO — James D. Johnson, 73, of rural Churubusco died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson was a self-employed truck driver. He was a life member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and enjoyed gardening and woodworking.

He was a graduate of Churubusco High School and served with the U.S. Air Force.

Mr. Johnson was born Sept. 30, 1930, in Whitley County to Jonathan Ellsworth and Capitola (Simmons) Johnson. On Sept. 29, 1951, in Churubusco, he married Janette Leitch. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce Michael and Janet Johnson of Churubusco; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Gwenn and Mark Roberts of Columbia City, Barb Nichter of Auburn, Jeannine and Jack Fairchild of Churubusco and Sherri Bushong of Huntertown; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Charlotte Duncan of Columbia City and Sharon and Ray Beeler of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Martha Jane Johnson of Albion; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Roderick "Rod" Johnson, on March 6, 1999.

Services will be at noon Saturday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating.

Calling will be after 10 a.m. Saturday until the hour of the service.

Memorial are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Alfred Ordway

HAMILTON — Alfred W. Ordway, 69, of Hamilton died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Ordway

Mr. Ordway worked as a machine operator for Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio, for 30 years, retiring in 2002. He was a former member of the Waterloo Fire Department and served in the U.S. Army from 1955 through 1957.

He was born Oct. 25, 1934, in Concord Township, St. Joe, to Wayne L. and Zella (Bishop) Ordway.

He married Barbara Nichols on May 28, 1955, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dennis Ordway of Lafayette; a daughter, Cynthia Ordway of Hamilton; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Keith Ordway of Waterloo and LeRoy and Monica Ordway of Butler; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Alice and Bill Hubartt of Waterloo, Ruth Miller of Waterloo and Kathy Moore of New Haven.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Jerry Ordway.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Norm Fuller will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship of Auburn.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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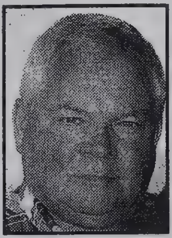
Danny Long

KIMMELL — Danny Joe Long, 60, of Kimmell died at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since becoming ill suddenly on Feb. 15.


Mr. Long

Mr. Long had been a dairy farmer from 1961 to 1984. He had worked at Northeastern R.E.M.C. from 1966 to 1977 and then again from 1984 to the present time. He was a lineman and for the past seven years he worked in the engineering department.

He was born March 31, 1943, in Kosciusko County to Joe and Allene (Cole) Long. They survive in Columbia City. He spent his childhood in Etna-Troy Township in Whitley County and graduated from Larwill High School in 1961.

He married Shirley K. Widman in December 1963. He then married Connie Hasty Kneller on Nov. 18, 1990, at West Etna Community Church. She survives in Key West, Fla.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin D. Long of Sebring, Fla., and Ryan J. and Jennifer Long of Oxford, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Kim K. and Linc Perkins of Frankfort; a brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Bev Long of New Carlisle; a sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Clee Franks of Wawaka; his former wife and longtime friend, Shirley Long of Columbia City; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Amy Jo and Randal Butler of Glenrock, Wyo., and Buffy and Jeff Neumann of Hubert, N.C.; five grandchildren, Kyle Long of Sebring, Fla., Taylor Perkins of Frankfort, Justin Long of Sebring, Spencer Perkins of Frankfort and Adelaide Long of Oxford, Ohio; and two stepgrandchildren, Randi Christine and Lincoln Thomas Sherman Butler of Glenrock, Wyo.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Penny Mosher of Congregational Care of First Church of God and Chaplain Jeannie Nix of Parkview Hospital officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Stanford Yoder

LIGONIER — Stanford D. Yoder, 71, of Ligonier died Monday, March 1, 2004, at his home. He had been ill five years.

He had lived in this area since the late 1950s. He retired in 2001 as a custodian for the Fairfield and Millersburg community schools and also worked for 30 years in the manufactured housing industry.

He was a member of the Burr Oak Church in Millersburg.

Mr. Yoder was born on Jan. 19, 1933, in Mattawana, Pa., to Milo and Mary (King) Yoder. On June 26, 1965, he married Leona Mae Yoder in Sarasota, Fla. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Rhonda Yoder Breman of Indianapolis; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald Jay Yoder of Denver, Colo., and D. Edward and Erin Yoder of Indianapolis; three sisters and a brother-in-law: Kathryn Yoder of McVeytown, Pa.; Julia and Thomas Kauffman of Harrisburg, Va., and Dorothy Yoder of Bellville, Pa; three brothers and sisters-in-law: Robert and Wilma Yoder of Martinsburg, Pa.; Leon and Sara Yoder of Lewistown, Pa.; and Theodore and Joann Yoder of Bellville, Pa.; and four grandchildren.

Services were held today at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. Burial was in Brown Cemetery in Millersburg.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital's homecare and hospice program.

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Glenoris Ruhl

ANGOLA — Glenoris L. Ruhl, 102, of Angola, died Sunday, Feb. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ruhl was born Sept. 22, 1901, in Edgerton, Ohio, to George A. and Sarah (Carmer) Rogers. She married Alfred Ruhl in 1934, and he preceded her in death on Sept. 4, 1963.

She was a homemaker. She attended Lake Missionary Church.

She was a former member of the Flint United Methodist Church and the Orland American Legion Auxiliary. She worked on the door bench at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg factory.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, LaMar E. and Margie Ruhl of Angola; five grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Alfred D. and Robert Ruhl; three sisters, Geraldine Rogers, Florence Ruhl and Gwendolyn Williams; two brothers, Basil and George Rogers; and a granddaughter, Florence June Ruhl.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Paul Metzger officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Lake Missionary Church.

Vivian Rarick

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Vivian M. Rarick, 93, of Arlington Heights and formerly of Syracuse, died Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2004, at Northwest Community Health Care.

Mrs. Rarick had been a medical secretary for Indianapolis Industrial Clinic and had lived at one time in Vermillion County, Ill., and Clearwater, Fla.

She was a former president of the Girl Scout Council in Danville, Ill., the Vermillion County Medical Auxiliary and the Illinois State Medical Auxiliary. She served on the board of Community Research Institute for Services where she started a program of home-delivered meals and senior adult meals.

Mrs. Rarick had been honored as one of the Outstanding Women of Danville and enjoyed writing books on her family's genealogy.

She was born April 3, 1910, in Indianapolis to Stanley and Leana (Irish) Short.

Surviving are a daughter, Brenda Crim of Arlington Heights; a sister, Armilda O'Connor of Lakeside, Calif.; three grandchildren and their spouses, David and Cindy Crim of Arlington Heights, Cheryl and Craig Burr of Urbana, Ill., and Brian and Jennifer Crim of Hudson, Wis..; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Alden Rarick; a daughter, Phyllis Jo Rarick; and a sibling, Beryle McCallip.

Services were Saturday at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Syracuse with the Rev. Mark Eastway officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Stanford Yoder

LIGONIER — Stanford D. Yoder, 71, of Ligonier died Monday, March 1, 2004 at his home.

Mr. Yoder was born on Jan. 19, 1933 in Mattawana, Penn., to Milo and Mary (King) Yoder.

He had lived in this area since the late 1950s. He retired in 2001 as a custodian for the Fairfield and Millersburg community schools and also worked for 30 years in the manufactured housing industry.

He was a member of the Burr Oak Church, Millersburg.

On June 26, 1965 he married Leona Mae Yoder in Sarasota, Fla., and she survives.

Other survivors includes a daughter, Rhonda Yoder Bremen of Indianapolis and her twin brother, Ronald Jay Yoder of Denver, Colo., and a second son, D. Edward Yoder of Indianapolis and his wife, Erin. Mr. Yoder also has four grandchildren; three sisters and a brother-in-law: Kathryn Yoder of McVeytown, Penn.; Julia Kauffman of Harrisburg, Va. and her husband Thomas; and Dorothy Yodere of Bellville, Penn; three brothers and their wives: Robert and Wilma Yoder, Martinsburg, Penn.; Leon and Sara Yoder, Lewistown, Penn.; and Theodore and Joann Yoder of Bellville, Penn.

Services were held this morning at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen. Burial was in Brown Cemetery, Millersburg.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospital's homecare and hospice program.

Barclay Bowman

KIMMELL — Barclay Keith Bowman, 83, of Smalley Lake died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at his home. He had been in failing health for several years.

Mr. Bowman was a retired mathematics and science teacher. His first teaching position was at Wolf Lake High School. He then taught at Lewis Cass High School in North Webster and retired from Wawasee High School in 1980.

He had lived at Smalley Lake since 1970 and had previously lived in Ypsilanti, Mich., Edinburg, Rutgers, N.J., and Logansport.

He was born July 30, 1920, in Roanoke to Donald M. and Lucille (Smyzer) Bowman. He attended grade school in Kimmell and graduated from Columbia City High School. He received his undergraduate and master's degree in forestry from the University of Michigan. He later earned a master's degree in education from Rutgers University.

During World War II he served as a platoon leader in the United States Marine Corps.

On June 24, 1944, he married Florence G. Grissom. She died Oct. 11, 1991.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Robert K. and Jean Bowman of Kittitas, Wash.; a daughter and son-in-law, Annette and Roger Lemaster of Warsaw; a brother, Pat Bowman of Columbia City; a sister, UnaDell Smith of Columbia City; three grandchildren; four stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Family services were held Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Warsaw.

There was no calling.

Memorials are to the American Heart Fund or the American Cancer Society.

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Retired businessman Bob Shook, 73, dies

KENDALLVILLE — Prominent retired Kendallville businessman Robert L. "Bob" Shook, whose successful ventures included fast-food and fine-dining establishments and the city's first motorcycle/snowmobile retail store, died Thursday at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Shook

Mr. Shook was 73.

Mr. Shook and his wife, Mary Lou, owned and operated the Dairy Queen in Columbia City from 1954-1974. They moved to Kendallville in 1957, purchasing the Dairy Queen on U.S. 6 West. They operated it until 1973.

In 1971, the Shooks built Shook Arctic Kawasaki, selling it to the Hayden family in 1977.

In 1976, Shook's Restaurant and Lounge, U.S. 6 West, was opened. As was his other enterprises, the dining facility was an instance hit with the community. The couple and family members operated it until July 1999.

A lifelong baseball fan, Mr. Shook brought baseball greats Mickey Mantle and Billy Martin to Kendallville to mark the opening and anniversaries of his restaurant.

"When we bought Shook's restaurant from Bob and Mary Lou, it was an institution here in Kendallville," said Ned Parker, who converted the name to Gilhooley's.

"Bob mentored us through this," said Parker. "Until his health forced him to stop, he and Mary Lou came in every Friday, and he would walk through the room and greet everybody."

Dave VanAuken was employed by Shook from 1978 to 1999, and still works at Gilhooley's. "He was a real good person to work for," VanAuken said.

VanAuken saw Shook two weeks ago. "He was talking about taking me to a baseball game," VanAuken said.

"He will truly be missed," said Parker.

Shirley Handshoe

HOWE — Shirley Handshoe, 71, of Howe died at 10:20 a.m. Thursday at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Handshoe was a homemaker.

She was born March 28, 1932, in Garrett, Ky., the daughter of Milton and Millie (Howard) Lawson. In September 1949 in Paintsville, Ky., she married Clyde Handshoe. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Jerry and Nancy Handshoe of Sturgis, Mich., and Randy and Dawn Handshoe of Howe; three brothers, Clovis Lawson and Connie Lawson, both of Detroit, and Gary Lawson of Middlebury; a sister, Hermal Pratt of Bedford, Ky.; seven grandchildren, Mark, Janell, Beth, Sarah, Heather, Jessica and Adam; and four great-grandchildren, Kayla, Austin, Anthony and David.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Patty Sue Handshoe.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Robert Shook

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville and Columbia City businessman Robert L. Shook, 73, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mr. Shook

From 1954 to 1957 Mr. Shook operated the Dairy Queen in Columbia City. In 1957 he moved to Kendallville and purchased the Dairy Queen which he operated until 1973. In 1968 he built a new Dairy Queen in Columbia City and sold it in April 1974. In 1971 he built Shook Arctic-Kawasaki (currently Hayden Honda) in Kendallville and operated it until selling it to the Hayden family in 1977.

In 1976 the Shooks built Shook's Lounge in Kendallville and the entire Shook family operated the restaurant until July 1999.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and the Elk's Club.

He was born Jan. 30, 1931, near Columbia City, the son of Glenn and Ellen (Goodman) Shook. He graduated from Larwill High School in 1950.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954 during the Korean War era. On Dec. 29, 1952, while stationed in Wai Pahu, Hawaii, he married Mary Lou Lemon. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and John Henney of Kendallville and Cathy and Ernie Valentine of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ted and Kim Shook of Kendallville and Mick and Sandy Shook of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Bill Helfrich of North Manchester and JoAnn and Cal DeLor of Dearborn, Mich.; and seven grandchildren, Joshua Henney and his wife, Ava, of Indianapolis, Sarah Henney, a student at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga., Mary Henney of Kendallville, Robert Matthew Shook, a student at Wabash University in Crawfordsville, Elizabeth Shook of Kendallville, Katherine Shook of Kendallville and Jessica Valentine of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sarah Ellen Shook.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church, First Christian Church, Trinity Church United Methodist or the Building Blocks Day Care Center at the Church of Christ in South Milford.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Joyce Rimmel

HUDSON — Joyce A. Rimmel, 68, died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at 3 a.m. at her rural Hudson home.

She graduated from New Castle High School and then Lutheran School of Nursing in 1956. She was a registered nurse in Fort Wayne, 14 years at Lutheran Hospital. She was a member of the LaGrange Moose, the Kendallville Eagles and the Orland American Legion.

She was born Aug. 21, 1935, in New Castle to James and Estella (Krall) Moore. She married Dick B. Rimmel on Dec. 8, 1995, and he survives.

Also surviving are four stepdaughters, Becky Bell and Nieta Van Engelenhoven of Fort Wayne, Pamela J. Reynolds of Rome City and Debra J. Kessler of Columbia, Tenn.; a stepson, Shawn Kennedy of Churubusco; a sister, Elsa Hanning of New Castle; nine stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-grandchilden.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. James Elsner officiating. Calling is today from 5-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery, rural Hudson. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society. Condolences may be e-mailed to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

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Ann Diggins

KENDALLVILLE — Ann K. Diggins, 89, of Kendallville died at 4 a.m. Thursday, March 4, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Diggins

Mrs. Diggins taught high school English and math at Honeyville School, Kendallville High School and East Noble High School. She retired from East Noble School Corp.

She was a 1931 graduate of Topeka High School and graduated summa cum laude from Indiana University in 1935 where she was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Mortar Board and Alpha Omicron Pi social sorority.

Mrs. Diggins was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Tri Kappa and the Book Club. She enjoyed reading, knitting, crocheting and playing bridge.

She was born June 1, 1914, in Topeka, the daughter of Earl and Zena (Patton) Greenawalt. On June 15, 1940, she married Kendallville attorney Merritt Diggins. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Pat Diggins of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and Dan and Nancy Diggins of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Dianne and Craig Trees of Anderson; and six grandchildren, Michael Diggins, Stephen Diggins, Bebe Hollingshead and her husband, Chris, Matt Trees, Amy Pridgeon and her husband, Luke, and Betsy Trees.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bob Greenawalt and Dick Greenawalt.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Public Library or Trinity Church United Methodist.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Harry Schlotterback** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Clothier and Pastor Bob Farmer officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Richard McNeal, Ronnie McNeal, Richard Cieslinske, Randel Straka, Jason Schlotterback and Curtis Donley.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **David Nowels** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were David Lange, James Ebert, Curt Mundon, Jerry Lash, Robert Combs and Clint Renkenberger.

Honorary pallbearers were Kelley Lash, Robert Brownell, Chris Smith and Doug Gillespie.

Members of the Kendallville Fire Departments served as the honor guard.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Eiline Marshall-Temple** were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Mike Booher officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Denny Anderson, Gene Birch, Mike McDonald, Tony Treesh, Ronald Treesh and Claren Hansen.

Honorary pallbearers were Doug Kistler, Austin Treesh and Gary Birch.

AVILLA — Services for **John H. "Johnny" Lash** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin officiating.

Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Nick Lash, Colby Lash, Mike Lash, Jason Lash, Tyler Lash, Ryan Lash, Justin Herli, James Herli and Joe Spohr.

Honorary pallbearers were Charles Ley, Ted Duehmig and Jack Beeber.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

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Blanche Gage

LAGRANGE — Blanche I. Gage, 101, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 4, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor.

Mrs. Gage

Mrs. Gage was born Dec. 12, 1902, in Rock Falls, Wis., to John M. and Laura (Hart) Clark. She married Roy W. Gage in LaGrange on June 6, 1920. He died June 1, 1961.

She was a retired office employee of LaGrange County Hospital. She had lived most of her life in LaGrange County.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church. She was a former member of LaGrange Hospital Gray Ladies, War Mothers and Pythian Sisters.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and John Keenan of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Dean R. and Barbara Gage of Fairfax, Va.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Donald L. Gage, on Dec. 7, 1993, four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church of LaGrange.

Max Aldrich

CORUNNA — Max E. Aldrich, 76, of Corunna died Friday, March 5, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home, Auburn.

Mr. Aldrich was a self-employed dairy farmer. He served as a radio technician in the U.S. Marines from 1952 to 1954. He was a member and elder of the Corunna Church of Christ and a member of the DeKalb County Fair Board.

A licensed pilot, he loved to fly and travel and also enjoyed bowling. He was a kind, fun-loving, generous, hard-working husband, father and friend.

Mr. Aldrich was born March 8, 1928, in Richland Township to Charles and Edwina (Sherlock) Aldrich. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Sandra Clark on Dec. 6, 1974, in Corunna. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kevin and Cathy Aldrich of Corunna, Rodney and Patt Aldrich of Corunna and Michael Aldrich of Indianapolis; three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Frank Gilbert of Apopka, Fla., Janet and John Herman of Corunna and Becky and Steven Freiburger of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Kim and Jerry Landis of St. Joe, Leigh and John Mergy of Larwill and Tammy and Brent Kult of Lafayette; two sisters, Charlene Bronson of Harlan and Dixie Krehl of Corunna; 17 grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rex Aldrich.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in the Corunna Church of Christ with the Rev. Lee Bracey officiating. Burial will be in the Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Auburn infant dies of bacterial infection

AUBURN — An Auburn infant died Wednesday from meningoccemia, said Dr. Mark Souder, DeKalb County health officer.

Souder said the infant may not have had a fully developed case of meningitis, but an overwhelming meningococcal bacterial infection in its bloodstream.

He did not identify the infant due to confidentiality restrictions.

The infant's illness progressed very rapidly, Souder said.

"That's a concern with meningococcal illnesses. Once it gets established, it's very hard to get stopped," Souder said.

A small number of people were exposed to the infant, Souder said. Health officials believe everyone who was exposed has been contacted and treated with preventative drugs.

A case of bacterial meningitis struck a Garrett High School student in mid-January. The student recovered quickly, however, and no one else contracted the illness.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Corunna Church of Christ or the National Parkinson's Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Mr. Penland spent most of life on family farm

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HAMILTON — DeLos Penland didn't get close to his younger brother, Bazil, until just recently ... after Bazil, 68, was diagnosed with lung cancer.

"But I don't have any regrets," DeLos said softly. "We spent a lot of time together after he got sick, and that meant a lot. I always wanted that closeness between us, I just never really got it until the end."

Bazil D. Penland, of Hamilton, died Sunday, Feb, 29, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler. He had lived there for about a year, but had lived in Hamilton all his life prior.

The Penland brothers were separated by seven years, and although they never had any major fights, DeLos said, he wouldn't have described their relationship as "close" until this past year.

Bazil had been a factory laborer and had worked with the street department for the town of Hamilton. He never married; he lived most of his life on the Penland family farm with his mother, Jeanette. The two moved into the Laurels of DeKalb together about a year ago, where they lived across the hall from each other. Jeannette survives. She is 96.

"This has been hard on her," DeLos said sadly. "She took care of him all her life. He was a comfort to her."

DeLos said his brother was a private, unobtrusive man.

"He was quiet," DeLos said. "He was to himself. He would drive uptown and sit in the car, and just watch people sometimes. He just liked to see what was going on."

Despite his innocuous demeanor, Bazil was well-known and well-liked around Hamilton, DeLos said.

"He had a lot of friends in town," he said. "He had a sense of humor, and people liked him."

Bazil could often be found at Roger's Harvest House, a popular diner in Hamilton.

Dorothy Fike

GARRETT — Dorothy M. Fike, 81, died at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 6, 1922, in Campton, Ky., to John and Calli (Taylor) Moore.

Surviving are her husband, James E. Fike of Garrett; their children and grandchildren and one sister. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters and brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, the Rev. William Haworth officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

Esther Yoder

SCOTT — Esther E. Yoder, 90, died Friday, March 5, 2004, at her home.

A homemaker, she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sturgis, Mich.

She was born in Decatur on Sept. 20, 1913, to Jesse C. and Nora V. (Henderson) Ballard. She had lived in Scott the last 18 years, moving from the Burr Oak, Mich., area.

On April 25, 1943, she married Kenneth D. Yoder in Ohio. He died Oct. 12, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters, Marilyn Yoder, Phyllis Yoder and Martha Yoder, all of Scott; a sister, Frances Kanouse of Sturgis; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband and parents were a sister, Irene Springer; and one brother, Jesse Ballard.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Burr Oak Cemetery, Burr Oak, with the Rev. James Bender of the First Baptist Church officiating.

Calling is from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home, Sturgis.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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John Mischel

MIAMI, Fla. — John Michael Mischel, 48, of Miami died Thursday, March 4, 2004.

He was employed as an attorney for Robert Allen Law in Miami and was a member of St. Agnes Catholic Church in Key Biscayne, Fla.

He was born in Owensboro, Ky., to Harold and Maire (Reisz) Mischel. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Laura Mischel of Miami, who is the daughter of Keith and Janice Smith of Auburn; one son, Harrison Mischel, at home; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jim and Lisa Mischel, Hal Mischel and Braun and Katherine Mischel, all of Owensboro; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Don Roberts and Marilyn and Pat Pace, all of Owensboro; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Harold Mischel Jr., in 1951.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Saints Joseph and Paul Catholic Church in Owensboro. Burial will be in Mater Dolorosa Cemetery in Owensboro.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 9 to 1:30 p.m. at James H. Davis Funeral Home, 3009 Frederica St., Owensboro, with a prayer service Monday at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Owensboro Catholic High School Library, 1524 W. Parrish Ave., Owensboro KY 42301.

Condolences may be left at www.davisfuneralhome.com.

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Rolando Patino

LAGRANGE — Rolando Patino, 73, of LaGrange died at 9:25 a.m. Sunday, March 7, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Patino was a retired construction worker and had moved to LaGrange in 2003 from Eagle Pass, Texas.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Oct. 15, 1930, in Del Rio, Texas, to Arnulfo Patino Santos and Maria Antonia Patino Garza.

Surviving are seven daughters, Irma Patino of Gonzales, Texas, Martha Fuentes and Maria Patino, both of Sturgis, Mich., Elvia Moreno, Melva Nevarez and Brenda Patino, all of Mongo, and Sylvia Patino of LaGrange; a son, Rolando Patino of Howe; five sisters, Chelo Patino, Olga Patino and Elva Patino, all of Eagle Pass, Irma Patino of California, and Coqui Patino of Michigan City; two brothers, Arnulfo Patino of Austin, Texas, and Roberto Patino of Eagle Pass; 25 grandchildren; and three great-grandchidren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Rev. Phil Ley officiating. Burial will be in Mongo Community Cemetery with military graveside services by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **David "Doc" Meade** were held at 1 p.m. Feb. 26 at Grace Christian Church with the Rev. Charles Mosley officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Eric Meade, Freddie Shepherd, Tim Shepherd, Kim Berkley, Larry Bolen Sr., Larry Bolen Jr. and Jerry Ledford.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bob Shook** were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joshua Henney, Matthew Shook, Dennis Nowels, Mark Leiter, Rick Helfrich, Jon Hossinger, Tom Alberts and Tom Koerner.

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Robert Boulton

GILLESPIE, Ill. — Robert Earl Boulton, 69, of Gillespie died at 1:55 a.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, Ind.

Mr. Boulton had been visiting at his daughter's home in Ligonier, Ind., for the past two weeks.

He was a retired self-employed truck driver. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Boulton was born Dec. 4, 1934, in Arkansas, the son of Lewis and Florie Williams.

Surviving are a son, Robert "Robbie" Earl Boulton Jr. of Churubusco, Ind.; a daughter, Charlotte Louise Clark of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Joyce Court of Salem, Ohio; two brothers, Curtis Williams of Kendallville and Frank Williams of Georgia; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Floria Ellen Boulton.

There are no services or visitation. Cremation will take place with final resting on Speagle Mountain in Cullman, Ala.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **George D. Wagoner Jr.** were held Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Lake View Cemetery Chapel with Father Paul Bebis officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ann K. Diggins** were held Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. David Hogsett officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were her grandchildren, Michael Diggins, Stephen Diggins, Bebe Hollingshead, Matt Trees, Amy Pridgeon and Betsy Trees.

Rex Mercer

BIG LAKE -- Rex P. Mercer, 62, a resident of rural Albion at Big Lake, died at 10:20 a.m. Friday, February 27, at the family residence following a lengthy illness. He has been in declining health for the past six years.

Mr. Mercer was born on September 5, 1941 in Marion, a son of Pardell Davis and Rosetta (Boothby) Mercer, and moved to Fort Wayne as a youth with his parents. As a young man he served with the U. S. Marine Corps in Viet Nam, and was married in Fort Wayne on April 27, 1968 to Joan Bixby. The couple spent all of their married life in Fort Wayne until moving to Big Lake in 1998.

He was employed as an electrical engineer at Fibre Form Corporation in Columbia City for 12 years, retiring from there in 1997 due to ill health.

In addition to being a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City, he was active and held memberships in several veteran's organizations. He was past president of the Veteran's National Memorial Shrine in Fort Wayne, and was a member of American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars Post 357 in Fort Wayne.

The surviving relatives include his wife, Joan; two children and their spouses Lisa and Mark Doehrman of Columbia City and Rex J. and Melissa Mercer of Big Lake; his mother, Rosetta Mercer of Fort Wayne; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Rosalie and Robert Adams and Rita White, all of Fort Wayne, and Ruth and Ned Bilger of Columbia City; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday in Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City with Pastor James Haugen officiating.

Interment was at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with full military rites by American Legion Post 82.

Memorials may be directed to Zion Lutheran Church or to Parkview Home Health and Hospice, Columbia City.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churu-busco.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Marian Adair

FORT WAYNE – Marian Adair, 95, of Fort Wayne, passed away on March 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Ann Arbor, MI, on August 7, 1908, daughter of Homer and Caroline Wood. She and E. Ross Adair were married in 1934.

Mrs. Adair taught in Hillsdale, MI, and Fort Wayne and directed a nursery school at Fort Knox, KY during World War II.

Mr. Adair was first elected to Congress in 1950 and served until 1970. He then served as the U.S. Ambassador to Ethiopia from 1971 to 1974. While in Ethiopia, Marian Adair organized various women's activities including two prayer breakfasts.

Mrs. Adair's activities in Washington D.C. are emphasized work in Christian, congressional, and international organizations which included: Women's Committee of International Christian Leadership, Congressional Wives Prayer Breakfast, The Congressional Club. She organized eight International Clubs (members are chosen from congressional, diplomatic and Washington women), Founder and First President of Welcome to Washington International Club, (sister clubs have been organized within the United States and world wide).

Mrs. Adair was the recipient of the Hoo's Hoo of Hoosier Women Award by the Indiana Society of Washington. Marian Adair was also a member of the Congressional Club of Washington, the League of Republican Women, the National Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C., the Capitol Speakers Club of Washington, and the Women's Committee of International Christian Leadership.

Mrs. Adair was preceded in death by her husband, E. Ross Adair in 1983, and is survived by a daughter, Caroline A. (David) Dimmers of Hastings, MI; a son Stephen W. (Katherine M.) Adair of Fort Wayne; grandchildren: Amy Adair Horton (Anthony), Rev. Martha Dimmers (Rev. Stephen King), Dr. Edwin Ross Adair III, Julie (David) Hafner, Stephen Andrew (Barbara) Adair, Alison (Dr. Lawrence) Park, and Emily Greene; and great-grandchildren, Grace Horton, Noah Adair, Hayley Adair, Leah Hafner, Riley Park and Carys Dimmers-King.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2004, at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne Street. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the E. Ross Adair Scholarship Fund Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI 49242 or Project Mercy, 7011 Ardmore Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46809

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Danny Long

KIMMELL – Danny Joe Long, age 60, of Kimmell, died on Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, where he was admitted after becoming suddenly ill on February 15, 2004.

He was born in Kosciuscko County on March 31, 1943, to Joe and Allene (Cole) Long.

He graduated from Larwill High School with the Class of 1961. He began his life in Kosciuscko County and then spent his childhood in Etna-Troy Township, Whitley County. He spent 21 adult years in Whitley County prior to moving to his present home in Noble County in 1990.

Danny was a dairy farmer from 1961-1984. He had been employed by Northeastern REMC twice during his career, first from 1966-1977 and then again from 1984 until current, serving as a lineman and for the past seven years working in the engineering department.

His first marriage was to Shirley K. Widman in December, 1963. His second marriage was to Connie Hasty Kneller on November 18, 1990, at the West Etna Community Church.

He is survived by his three children, Kevin D. Long, Sebring, Fl, Kim K. (Linc) Perkins, Frankfort, IN and Ryan J. (Jennifer) Long, Oxford, OH; his parents, Joe and Allene Long, Columbia City; five grandchildren, Kyle Long, Sebring, FL, Taylor Perkins, Frankfort, IN, Justin Long, Sebring, FL, Spencer Perkings, Frankfort, IN and Adelaide Long, Oxford, OH; one brother, Tim (Bev) Long, New Carlisle, IN; one sister, Cheryl (Clee) Franks, Wawaka, his former wife and lifelong friend, Shirley K. Long, Columbia City; two step-daughters, Amy Jo (Randal G.) Butler, Glenrock, WY and Buffy (Jeff) Neumann, Hubert, NC; two step-grandchildren, Randi Christine and Lincoln Thomas Sherman Butler, Glenrock, Wy; and his wife, Connie Long, Key West, FL.

Services were held Saturday, March 6, 2004, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City, with Pastor Penny Mosher, Pastor of Congregational Care of First Church of God, Columbia City, and Chaplain Jeannine Nix, of Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne officiating. Burial was in the Salem Cemetery, Wilmot, IN.

Memorial bequests may be given in Danny's memory to the American Diabetes Association.

James Johnson

CHURUBUSCO – James D. Johnson, 73, a resident of rural Churubusco, died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. Although he had been in declining health for some time, his death was unexpected.

Mr. Johnson was born on September 30, 1930, in Whitley County, a son of Jonathan Ellsworth and Capitola (Simmons) Johnson and spent his formative years in Smith Township. He graduated from Churubusco High School and as a young man, served with the U.S. Air Force.

On September 29, 1951, he was married in Churubusco to Janette Leitch, and the couple spent their entire marred lives in the Churubusco community.

A self-employed truck driver for much of his life, he was a member of the Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and enjoyed gardening and woodworking in his leisure time.

The surviving relatives include his wife, Janette, to whom he was married for over 52 years; a son Bruce Michael (Janet) Johnson of Churubusco; four daughters, Gwenn (Mark) Roberts of Columbia City, Barb Michter of Auburn, Jeannine (Jack) Fairchild of Churubusco, and Sherri Bushong of Huntertown; two sisters, Charlotte Duncan of Columbia City, and Sharon (Ray) Beeler of Fort Wayne; and a sister-in-law, Martha Jane Johnson of Albion. There are 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Roderick "Rod" C. Johnson on March 6, 1999.

Services were held Saturday, March 6, 2004, in the Churubusco United Methodist Church, with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Effie Grable

COLUMBIA CITY – Effie A. Grable, 93, a resident of Columbia City, died Wednesday, March 3, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center, where she had been a resident since November 1997.

She was born August 7, 1910, in Noble Township, Noble County, a daughter of J. Orva and Lizzie Belle (Snedeker) Surfus. Her formative years were spent in Noble Township, and she was educated in the Bug Island School and Etna School.

On December 29, 1933, she was united in marriage to Paul E. Grable. As her husband was a minister, they moved a number of times, residing most of their married life in Noble County. The also resided in South Whitley for 10 years and Warsaw for eight years. In 1983, they moved to Columbia City. Mr. Grable died March 31, 1991.

A homemaker, she was a member of the Church of God.

She is survived by a son, John (Flossie) Grable of Albion; two daughters, Julia J. (Richard) Holbrook of Warsaw and Nora (Jerry) Gray of Columbia City; nine grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son, Roger Grable; two grandchildren; and a brother, Robert Surfus.

Services were held Sunday, March 7, 2004, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial was in St. Matthews Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Big Lake Church of God.

Margaret Rockey

MILLERSBURG – Margaret Rockey, age 82, of Millersburg, IN, died Monday, March 8, 2004, in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

She was born on December 17, 1921, in Ligonier to Alley Y. Alfrey and Lura N. Gangwer Alfrey.

She was married to Lawrence E. Rockey. He preceded her in death in 1979.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Rockey is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Russell Stump of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Pat Gangwer of Kendallville and Edward and Margie Rockey of LaGrange; two brothers, Johnnie Alfrey of Ligonier and Dwayne Alfrey of Albion; four sisters, Betty Heath, Linda Gregory, Mari Blaine, all of Churubusco, and Norma DeWalt of Ohio; eight grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one sister, Velda Hancock.

Services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, March 12, 2004, in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling hours are 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 11, 2004, in the funeral home.

Carl Gennaitte

FORT WAYNE – Carl C. Gennaitte, 88, of Fort Wayne, died Monday, March 1, 2004, at home.

Born in Latrobe, PA, he married Vera L. Smith on March 15, 1941.

He was a manager for Hefner Chevrolet for 25 years, retiring in 1984. He served in the 8th Army Air Force during World War II and was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Vera of Fort Wayne; daughters, Susan Rosselot of Valparaiso, Patricia Holsinger of Port Hueneme, CA, Diane Patterson of Avilla, and Mona Jean Flotow of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers and five sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, March 5, 2004, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to St. Jude Catholic Church.

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Marian Adair

FORT WAYNE — Marian Adair, 95, of Fort Wayne, widow of former congressman and ambassador to Ethiopia E. Ross Adair, died Saturday, March 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Adair

Mrs. Adair was a former school teacher and had directed a nursery school at Fort Knox, Ky., during World War II.

Her husband served in Congress from 1950 to 1970 and was U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia from 1971 to 1974. While living in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Adair organized eight International Clubs, the Women's Committee of International Christian Leadership, the Congressional Wives Prayer Breakfast and the Congressional Club.

She was the founder and first president of the Welcome to Washington International Club and was presented the Hoo's Hoo of Hoosier Women award by the Indiana Society in Washington.

Mrs. Adair was also a member of the League of Republican Women, the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., the Capitol Speakers Club of Washington and the Women's Committee of International Christian Leadership.

While in Ethiopia, she organized various women's activities including two prayer breakfasts.

Mrs. Adair was born Aug. 7, 1908, in Ann Arbor, Mich., to Homer and Caroline Wood. She married E. Ross Adair in 1934. He died in 1983.

Surviving are daughter and son-in-law, Caroline A. and David Dimmers of Hastings, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen W. and Katherine M. Adair of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Amy Adair Horton and her husband Anthony, the Rev. Martha Dimmers and her husband the Rev. Stephen King, Dr. Edwin Ross Adair III, Julie Hafner and her husband David, Stephen Andrew Adair and his wife Barbara, Alison Park and her husband Dr. Lawrence Park, and Emily Green; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the E. Ross Adair Scholarship Fund, Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, MI 49242 or to Project Mercy, 7011 Ardmore Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46809.

Margaret Rockey

MILLERSBURG — Margaret Rockey, 82, of Millersburg died at 3:25 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Rockey

Mrs. Rockey was a homemaker.

She was born Dec. 17, 1921, in Ligonier to Alley Y. and Lura N. (Gangwer) Alfrey.

Her husband, Lawrence E. Rockey, died in 1979.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Russell Stump of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Pat Gangwer of Kendallville and Edward and Margie Rockey of LaGrange; four sisters, Betty Heath, Linda Gregory and Mari Blaine, all of Churubusco, and Norma DeWalt of Ohio; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death was a sister, Velda Hancock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Leahmae Palmer

STURGIS, Mich. — Leahmae "Mort" Palmer, 71, of Sturgis died Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Palmer was a homemaker and retired in 1991 after 30 years with Ross Laboratories in Sturgis.

She was a member of the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 Ladies Auxiliary in Kendallville, Ind., and the Eagles Lodge 1314 Ladies Auxiliary in Sturgis where she was also a member of the Madam Past Presidents Club.

Mrs. Palmer enjoyed camping, reading and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was a 1951 graduate of Rome City, Ind., High School.

She was born March 21, 1932, in Garrett, Ind., to Homer and Reba (Olinger) Mortimore. She and Leo F. Palmer were married Sept. 7, 1951. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Vicky and Paul Roberts of Constantine and Betsy and Ron Armstrong of Sturgis; two sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Cecelia Palmer of Sturgis and Tracy and Joan Palmer of Sturgis; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Carolyn Mortimore of Kendallville and Jerry and Barb Mortimore of Wolcottville, Ind.; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Bonnie and Paul Shoemaker of Claypool, Ind., Pat and Jerry Febles of Kendallville and Sandy and Russell Muscello of Kendallville; an uncle and aunt, Jack and Beverly Mortimore of Kendallville; seven grandchildren, Rachel Hahn, Joshua and Roberts and Benjamin Roberts, all of Constantine, Brian Hurst, Crystal Palmer and Tara Palmer, all of Sturgis, and Kenny Hurst of Delray Beach, Fla.; and two great-grandsons, Derrick Tice and Dillon Schwartz, both of Centreville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis with the Rev. James Bender of the First Baptist Church in Sturgis officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Sturgis or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.Legacy.com.

Madeline Konz

TOPEKA — Madeline Helen Konz, 86, of Topeka died at 11:05 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Konz was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 21, 1917, in LaPorte to William and Ethel (Slater) Brunner. On March 16, 1957, in Hammond, she married Orville Konz. He is deceased.

Surviving are two stepdaughters and their husbands, Sandra and James Kerezman of Topeka and Carole and John Roslak of Gainesville, Ga.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Don and Ken Finley.

There will be no services or calling.

Orr Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Fahrer

MALINTA, Ohio — Dorothy L. Fahrer, 56, of Malinta died Monday, March 6, 2004, at Van Crest Nursing Home in Holgate.

Mrs. Fahrer was a homemaker and had worked at Truckers Paradise and delivered the Northwest Signal newspaper.

She was born Feb. 27, 1948, in Napoleon to Robert and Marceille (Boulton) Hyter. In 1967, she married George Fahrer. He survives.

Also surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Micki Hyter of Indiana and Bernard and Bonnie Hyter of Grand Rapids, Ohio; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marilu and Duane Schoonover of California, Rose Mitchell of Indiana, and Alice and Bill Wink of Indiana.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, Franklin Lee; and a brother, Charles Hyter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance.

Memorials are to Van Crest Nursing Home and Rehabilitation or the charity of the donor's choice.

Hazel Fisher

COLUMBIA CITY — Hazel J. Fisher, 82, of Columbia City died at 3:55 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since October 2002.

Mrs. Fisher

Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker and assisted her sister in the Whitley County Recorder's Office. She was a member of the Columbia City Church of the Brethren.

She was born Oct. 10, 1921 in Whitley County to Earl and Nellie (Black) Chapman. She graduated from Columbia City High School in 1939.

On May 9, 1942, she married Dale E. Fisher. He survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Rose Anne and Charles Barnum of Kendallville, Connie and James Bedwell of Columbia City, Jean and Max Lefever of Columbia City and Sally and Gary Maggart of South Whitley; two sons, Thomas D. Fisher of Columbia City and William G. Fisher of Pierceton; five sisters, Carol Schinbeckler of Greenfield, Helen Orcutt of Fort Wayne, Hilda Diffendarfer of Fort Wayne, Jeanette Myers of Columbia City, and Donna Putman of South Haven, Mich.; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren; a brother, William S. Chapman; and a sister, Ethel Knisely.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Columbia City Church of the Brethren.

Andrew Chavez

LIGONIER — Andrew Chavez, 78, of Ligonier died at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. He had been ill since January.

Mr. Chavez had lived in the Ligonier area since 1960, moving there from Decatur. He had been employed as a shipping clerk at Johnson Controls for 25 years.

Mr. Chavez

He was a member of St. Gasper Catholic Church in Rome City. He was Cubs baseball fan, an advocate for the Hispanic community, did tax preparation, loved to read and write poetry, and especially loved to spend time with his family and to host family gatherings.

Mr. Chavez was born Dec. 10, 1925, in Coleman, Texas, to Hilario and Anita (DelGado) Chavez. On May 5, 1945, in Laredo, Mexico, he married Teodosia Cantu. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Hilary and Jalaine Chavez of Clinton, Mich., Andrew Chavez Jr. of Kendallville, and Joseph and Laura Chavez of Honolulu, Hawaii; eight daughters and seven sons-in-law, Ana Marie and Henry Sanchez, Mary Jane and Edis Deel, and Rebecca and David Bacon, all of Ligonier, Yolanda Owens and Carmen and Kenneth Powers, all of Goshen, Juliet and Sherman Leamon of Syracuse, Martha and Mike Jones of Cromwell, and Lucille and Jim Fearnow of LaGrange; a brother, Guadalupe Chavez of Dallas, Texas; a sister, Regino Garcia of Haywood, Calif.; 28 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Ellen Chavez; a brother, Roberto Chavez; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Gasper Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Charles Mullens officiating.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

John Randle

RENO, Nev. — John Karr Randle, 49, of Reno died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, of tardive dyskinesia.

Mr. Randle's career was in the field of hotel management and teaching.

He was born Dec. 3, 1954, in Wichita, Kan. He was a 1972 graduate of New Trier High School in Winnetka, Ill., and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Denver in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Surviving are his parents, Burton and Mariann (Menely) Randle of Skokie, Ill.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, David Randle of Chicago and Paul and Linda Randle of Gurnee, Ill.; and a niece, Jennifer Randle of Gurnee.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Ind.

Memorials are to the Kendallville Police Department's fund for a new K-9.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Also preceding her in death were three sisters, Velda Hancock, Rose Keith and Pearl Slabaugh; and a brother, Robert Alfrey.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Andrew Comparet

CHURUBUSCO — Andrew "Drew" Comparet, 16, of Churubusco died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at his home.

He was the son of Dan and Debbie Comparet.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

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Also surviving are her mother, Marceille Mitchell of Kendallville, Ind.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronald and Micki Hyter of Morristown, Tenn., and Bernard and Bonnie Hyter of Grand Rapids, Ohio; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marilu and Duane Schoonover of San Diego, Calif., Rose Mitchell of Kendallville, and Alice and Bill Wink of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her father; her stepfather, Lloyd Mitchell; an infant son, Franklin Lee; and a brother, Charles Hyter.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance.

Memorials are to Van Crest Nursing Home and Rehabilitation or the charity of the donor's choice.

Doris Mann

AUBURN — Doris L. Mann, 71, has died at her rural Auburn home.

An English and Spanish teacher for more than 30 years, she retired from the East Allen County School Corp.

Mrs. Mann was a member of the Coburn Corners Church of Christ in rural St. Joe.

She was born in Allen County on Oct. 1, 1932, to Edgar and Harriet (Brown) Longardner. They preceded her in death.

She married Jack Mann in Fort Wayne on June 1, 1957. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Ried Klion of Indianapolis; a granddaughter, Hannah Klion of Indianapolis; three uncles, Russell Longardner of Fort Wayne, Glen Longardner of Ligonier and Charles Brown of Hamilton; and several cousins.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with B.J. Bungard officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Coburn Corners Church of Christ or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Virginia Mast

LIGONIER — Virginia L. "Mickey" Mast, 76, of Ligonier, died at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Mast

Mrs. Mast was a homemaker. She enjoyed dancing, crossword puzzles, painting, crocheting, and old church hymns.

She was born Dec. 19, 1927, in Montana. On Oct. 6, 1956, she married LeRoy Mast. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherri and Clyde Barkey of Ligonier and Suzanne and Dennis Rose of Ligonier; a son, Michael Mast and his companion, Emma Barkey, of Cromwell; a brother, Eugene Hughart of Chesterton; several stepbrothers; several stepsisters; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Clair Hochstetler officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to the American Cancer Society.

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Danny Long

KIMMELL — Danny Joe Long, 60, of Kimmell died at 5:10 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since becoming ill suddenly on Feb. 15.

Mr. Long had been a dairy farmer from 1961 to 1984. He had worked at Northeastern R.E.M.C. from 1966 to 1977 and then again from 1984 to the present time. He was a lineman and for the past seven years he worked in the engineering department.

He was born March 31, 1943, in Kosciusko County to Joe and Allene (Cole) Long. They survive in Columbia City. He spent his childhood in Etna-Troy Township in Whitley County and graduated from Larwill High School in 1961.

He married Shirley K. Widman in December 1963. He then married Connie Hasty Kneller on Nov. 18, 1990, at West Etna Community Church. She survives in Key West, Fla.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kevin D. Long of Sebring, Fla., and Ryan J. and Jennifer Long of Oxford, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Kim K. and Linc Perkins of Frankfort; a brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Bev Long of New Carlisle; a sister and brother-in-law, Cheryl and Clee Franks of Wawaka; his former wife and longtime friend, Shirley Long of Columbia City; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Amy Jo and Randal Butler of Glenrock, Wyo., and Buffy and Jeff Neumann of Hubert, N.C.; five grandchildren, Kyle Long of Sebring, Fla., Taylor Perkins of Frankfort, Justin Long of Sebring, Spencer Perkins of Frankfort and Adelaide Long of Oxford, Ohio; and two stepgrandchildren, Randi Christine and Lincoln Thomas Sherman Butler of Glenrock, Wyo.

Services were Saturday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Penny Mosher of Congregational Care of First Church of God and Chaplain Jeannie Nix of Parkview Hospital officiating. Burial was in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Madeline Konz

TOPEKA — Madeline Helen Konz, 86, of Topeka died at 11:05 p.m. Sunday, March 7, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Konz was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 21, 1917, in LaPorte to William and Ethel (Slater) Brunner. On March 16, 1957, in Hammond, she married Orville Konz. He is deceased.

Surviving are two stepdaughters and their husbands, Sandra and James Kerezman of Topeka and Carole and John Roslak of Gainesville, Ga.; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Don and Ken Finley.

There will be no services or calling.

Margaret Rockey

MILLERSBURG — Margaret Rockey, 82, of Millersburg died at 3:25 p.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Rockey was a homemaker.

She was born Dec. 17, 1921, in Ligonier to Alley Y. and Lura N. (Gangwer) Alfrey.

Her husband, Lawrence E. Rockey, died in 1979.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Russell Stump of Ligonier; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Pat Gangwer of Kendallville and Edward and Margie Rockey of LaGrange; four sisters, Betty Heath, Linda Gregory and Mari Blaine, all of Churubusco, and Norma DeWalt of Ohio; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death was a sister, Velda Hancock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the funeral home.

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Services pending for Andy Chavez

LIGONIER — Andrew Chavez, 78, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse. He had been in ill health since January of this year.

Mr. Chavez was born on Dec. 10, 1925 in Coleman, Texas and moved to Indiana in 1960. He was one of the first people of Mexican-American descent to come to the Ligonier area.

His parents were Hilario and Anita (DelGado) Chavez.

On May 5, 1945 he married Teodosia Cantu in Laredo, Mexico, and she survives.

He worked as a shipping clerk at Johnson Controls for 25 years before retiring. Mr. Chavez was a member of the St. Gaspher Catholic Church in Rome City.

Known as "Andy" to his many friends, Mr. Chavez was a fan of the Chicago Cubs; an advocate for the Hispanic community; he did tax preparation; loved to read and write poetry; and most of all he loved to be with his family and host family gatherings.

In addition to his wife, survivors include three sons: Andrew Chavez Jr., of Kendallville; Hilary and Jalaine Chavez of Clinton, Mich.; and Joseph and Laura Chavez of Honolulu, Hawaii; eight daughters: Ana Marie and Henry Sanchez of Ligonier; Yolanda Owens of Goshen; Carmen and Kenneth Powers of Goshen; Mary Jane and Edis Deel of Ligonier; Juliet and Sherman Leamon of Syracuse; Martha and Mike Jones of Cromwell; Lucille and Jim Fearnow of LaGrange; Rebecca and Davie Bacon of Ligonier. He is also survived by a brother, Guadalupe Chavez of Dallas, Tex., and a sister, Regino Garcia of Haywood, Calif. He had 28 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren

Mr. Chavez was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Mary Ellen Chavez; a brother, Roberto Chavez; and three grandchildren.

Services are pending at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Check Thursday's or Friday's News-Sun for more details.

Robert Boulton

GILLESPIE, Ill. — Robert Earl Boulton, 69, of Gillespie died at 1:55 a.m. Monday, March 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville, Ind.

Mr. Boulton had been visiting at his daughter's home in Ligonier, Ind., for the past two weeks.

He was a retired self-employed truck driver. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge.

Mr. Boulton was born Dec. 4, 1934, in Arkansas, the son of Lewis and Florie Williams.

Surviving are a son, Robert "Robbie" Earl Boulton Jr. of Churubusco, Ind.; a daughter, Charlotte Louise Clark of Ligonier; a stepdaughter, Joyce Court of Salem, Ohio; two brothers, Curtis Williams of Kendallville and Frank Williams of Georgia; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Floria Ellen Boulton.

There are no services or visitation. Cremation will take place with final resting on Speagle Mountain in Cullman, Ala.

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Andrew Comparet

CHURUBUSCO — Andrew "Drew" Comparet, 16, of Churubusco died unexpectedly Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at his home.

Andrew was a sophomore at Churubusco High School where he had been active in basketball, tennis and the New Era Show Choir. He enjoyed skateboarding, snowboarding, music and spending time with his family and friends.

Andrew Comparet

He was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church and attended Pathway Community Church in Fort Wayne.

Andrew was born May 13, 1987, in Fort Wayne, the son of Dan and Debbie (Leininger) Comparet. The family had lived in the Chicago area when Andrew was a boy and had moved to Churubusco in 1990.

Surviving are his parents in Churubusco; three sisters, Jessica Comparet of San Diego, Calif., Audrey Comparet, a student at Indiana University at Bloomington and Carly Comparet, a student at Churubusco Middle School; his maternal grandmother, Marjorie Leininger of Fort Wayne; his paternal grandmother, Joan Comparet of Fort Wayne; and several aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Carroll High School auditorium with Pastor Ron Williams and Pastor Paul Newman-Jacobs officiating. Private family interment will be Monday at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Sunday at the school.

Memorials are to the Andrew Comparet Memorial Scholarship at Churubusco High School.

Stephen Freeman

SOUTH BEND — Stephen R. Freeman, 82, of South Bend, died Thursday evening, March 11, 2004, at Methodist Hospital in South Bend.

Mr. Freeman was a retired teacher and a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was born Aug. 14, 1921, in Dugger to Ben and Dove Freeman.

His wife, June, died in 1992.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Stephen Freeman and Tina Freeman of Carmel; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Dennis Johnson of Brookston; and four grandchildren.

Services and burial will be Monday in South Bend.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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Alma Carlton

AVILLA — Alma L. Carlton, 68, of Avilla, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of Grace Christian Church in Kendallville and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, fishing and camping.

She moved to Avilla from Ozark, Ark., to be closer to her family.

She was born Jan. 11, 1936, to Arthur and Iva (Cowan) Hill. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Noel and Karen Young of Sherman, Texas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angela and Denny Berry of Avilla, and Catrina and Kenny Murphy of Pensacola, Fla.; two sisters, Lotha Bea Scott and Lena Ellison of Ozark, Ark.; a brother, Clois Ray Hill of Ozark, Ark.; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Graveside services will be at the Mountain View Cemetery, Ozark, Ark., with the Rev. Ted Darling officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Grace Christian Church, 126 E. Mitchell St., Kendallville.

Local arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla chapel. Arrangements in Arkansas are being handled by Shaffer Funeral Home, Highway 64, Ozark, Ark., 72949, phone (479) 667-4147.

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Shank's love abounded in family, geneology

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AVILLA — Bev Shank was a bonedigger, and proud of it.

That was the affectionate nickname her husband, Sam Shank, had for the rural Avilla woman's hobby — genealogy, according to fellow genealogist Clara Whan.

The lifelong Avilla resident died Feb. 20, at the age of 70.

She loved researching genealogy for other people, and worked with Whan for many years on the Noble County, Indiana genealogy Web site, http://www.rootsweb.com\~innoble.

"She contributed a lot to the Web site," Whan said. "She worked in the courthouse part-time." That put her in a great spot to do genealogical research, Whan added.

"We tromped almost every cemetery in Noble County twice, looking for tombstone impressions," Whan said.

What Mrs. Shank loved was helping other people track down their roots, Whan said. "She had pen-pals all over the United States. She was always happy to share anything that she had found."

"She helped me immensely in my research when I wrote a book on the history of our family's church, Immanuel Lutheran, Avilla," said Terry Housholder, president and publisher of Kendallville Publishing Co. "She encouraged me in producing the book in time for the church's 150th anniversary in 1994. She shared with me her genealogy research on eight Lutheran families who were early Immanuel members — many of whom were my ancestors. Her love of genealogy was contagious. I will really miss her friendship."

Mrs. Shank got started in genealogy in 1983 after receiving a letter from a cousin in Ohio. She eventually traced over 200 of her children's ancestors, going back 12 generations, back to Germany, Switzerland and Ireland.

But genealogy wasn't all there was to Mrs. Shank. "She was really proud of her children and her grandchildren," Whan said. "She was just an overall family person."

Mrs. Shank had worked hard on the farm with her husband, recalled her niece, Tana Brown, of LaOtto.

She also really enjoyed retirement and being around her grandchildren. "That was a big, big, big part of her life," Brown said.

Those children and grandchildren had a military tradition, Brown said. One of Shank's sons retired from the U.S. Navy. A grandson graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy, and another graduated from West Point, Brown added.

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Bev Shank is shown researching a family history at the Noble County courthouse in this 1997 photo.

The Shanks also opened their home to exchange students, and traveled to Europe themselves, Brown said.

"She did a lot of crafts," Brown recalled. Mrs. Shank sewed and crocheted, making many of her own clothes.

But, for those who know their family history because of her, Bev Shank's legacy may just be her work as a bonedigger.

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Herbert Schoonover

HAMILTON — Herbert Schoonover, 76, died Friday, March 12, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital in Saint Joseph's Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Schoonover worked in construction until 1958. From 1958 to 1967 he worked for Edgerton Tool and from 1968 to 1983 he worked at Edgerton Manufacturing.

He was a member of Edon Lutheran Church in Edon, Ohio. He attended Tamarack School in Troy Township.

He was born May 26, 1927, to Harley and Florence (Zeiter) Schoonover. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in the Parkview Nursing Home in Edgerton, Ohio.

On Aug. 21, 1954, in Montpelier, Ohio, he married Sally (Knecht) Schoonover. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra Schoonover of Fort Wayne, Patty and Bill Lockwood of Bryan, Ohio, and Susan Schoonover of Hamilton; a brother, James Schoonover of Barnhart, Mo.; two sisters, Janet Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ruth Hamman of Kendallville; and a caregiver, Renee Crowl of Hamilton.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Schoonover, in 1996, and a sister, June Schoonover.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Saneto Maiko will officiate.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery in Hamilton.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association and Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to reflect a new date for the service and calling.*

William Franke

Mr. Franke

HAMILTON — William E. "Bill" Franke, 60, died Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Franke was a self-employed contract hauler. He was a member of the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 30, 1943, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Coleen M. (Muldary) Franke of Hamilton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Brent W. and Nicole Franke of Angola and Brian W. and Laura Franke of Hamilton; and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Sunday, March 21, at 5 p.m. at the Fremont Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Calling will be Sunday, March 21, from noon to 3 p.m. at the congregation.

Memorials are to the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society of New York, 2725 N. State Road 827, Angola, IN 46703.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Opal Emerick

Mrs. Emerick

KENDALLVILLE — Opal Emerick, 84, died Friday March 12, 2004, at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Emerick was retired and had worked as a cashier at the Ames Store in Kendallville and the K-Mart in Angola for many years.

She was born July 1, 1919, in Kimmell to Verl and Lura (Kesling) Strouse.

She married George "Jock" Emerick on May 29, 1949, in Hernando, Miss. He preceded her in death Nov. 11, 1992.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jesse Yates of Rome City and Randy and Linda Emerick of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Rick Godsey of Albion; five grandchildren, Tammy Converset of Corunna, Tina Yates of Fort Wayne, Teri Feller of Kendallville, Brian Emerick of Angola, and Stacy Emerick of Pleasant Lake; and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Union Cemetery in Merriam following the services.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

To send condolences online or to sign the guest register visit www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Stephen Freeman

SOUTH BEND — Stephen R. Freeman, 82, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 7:55 p.m. in the Methodist Hospital Yellow Rose Hospice Unit of Indianapolis.

Mr. Freeman taught vocational agriculture at North Liberty and science at Jackson High School in South Bend. He also was a FFA leader and a 4-H leader. He graduated from Purdue University with a degree in science and agriculture in 1942. He was a World War II veteran of the Pacific Fleet and was the commanding naval office of the ship LSM 285 Lucky Lady. He enjoyed gardening, home repairs and horseshoes.

He was born August 14, 1921, in Dugger to Benjamin and Dove Freeman.

He married Edna June (Bays) Freeman June 21, 1952. She died Feb. 1, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Denny Johnson of Brookston; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Stephen B. Freeman and Tina Freeman of Carmel; and four grandchildren, Jace, Zane, Ross and Macy Freeman.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, David and Bill Freeman, and two sisters, Margaret Dickey and Frances Moody.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Free Church with the Rev. Steve Meck officiating. Burial will be in Southlawn Cemetery with military services.

Calling will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. at Southfield Village, Main Entrance, 6450 Miami Circle, South Bend.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Free Church.

Dale Miller

LAPORTE — Dale E. Miller, 64, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 2 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Miller formerly lived in Angola. He was retired from Rich Mycka Construction as a civil engineer. He was a member of St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and the American Legion Skwiat Post 451 and had served in the United States Army.

He was born Nov. 28, 1939, in Angola, to Vern Miller and Marie Stroh.

On Aug. 9, 1969, in Angola, he married Frances M. (Senger) Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gregory D. Miller of Crawfordsville; three sisters-in-law, Loraine (Kenneth) Gillespie of Terre Haute; Dorothy (Gordon) Gollnick of Fremont and Susan (Ed) Ralston of Angola; and a brother-in-law, Richard "Rorie" Senger of Fremont.

Services will be Tuesday at noon at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church. The Rev. Walter Ciesla will officiate. The American Legion Skwiat Post 451 will conduct military services at the church.

Calling will be Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Ott/Haverstock Funeral Chapel, 418 Washington St., Michigan City.

Memorials are to Abused Children's Foundation or to the American Heart Association.

Lee Ann Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Lee Ann Miller, 40, died Thursday, March 11, 2004, at 3:49 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Miller had worked as a laborer at Lake Park Industries in Shipshewana.

She was born June 15, 1963, in Kirksville, Mo. to Ira Wiley and Nancy (Bennett) Williams. Her father preceded her in death. Her mother and stepfather, James Williams, survive in Benton Harbor, Mich.

She married Phillip E. Miller on Aug. 18, 2000, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Derek Wiley, of Shipshewana; a daughter, Samantha Miller, of Shipshewana; three sisters, Karen Wood of Michigan, Sharon Fischer of Decatur, Mich., and Robin Black of Oklahoma; a brother, Robert Williams of Pennsylvania; and her grandmother, Elizabeth Williams of Benton Harbor, Mich.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Clint Williams.

Memorial services will be Monday at 5 p.m. in the Shipshewana Church of the Nazarene. The Rev. Gary Klinger will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Anna Miller

SHIPSHEWANA — Anna M. Miller, 76, of Shipshewana died at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 14, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital. She had been a patient there for one week.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Sept. 9, 1927, in Shipshewana to Mahlon and Lizzie (Schrock) Hostetler. On Dec. 20, 1951, in Shipshewana, she married Simon A.B. Miller. He died May 26, 1983.

Surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Nettie and Orville Miller, Orpha Miller, Esther Miller and LaVerda Miller, all of Shipshewana; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Clyde and Nettie Miller and Wilbur Miller, all of Shipshewana; Orva and Mary Miller of LaGrange, and Mahlon and Mary Miller of Howe; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Ida and John Frey and Lizzie and Mervin Lehman, all of Topeka, Orpha and Henry Miller, Marietta and Erwin Eash, and Leah Hostetler, all of Shipshewana, and Frieda and Mahlon Raber of Middlebury; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Eldon and Esta Hostetler of Middlebury, Daniel Hostetler of Shipshewana, LaVern Hostetler of Frankfort, Ill., and Mary Miller of Sarasota; 26 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Mabel Mast and Nina Hostetler; and a brother, David Hostetler.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Perry Whetstone residence at 10325 W. C.R. 250N, Shipshewana, with Bishop Sam Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Naylor Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at her home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Lockwood

WATERLOO — Dorothy Odeyne "Dode" (Parker) Lockwood, 82, of Waterloo died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Lockwood was a farmer's wife and housewife and a member of the Northgate Church of the Nazarene in Waterloo.

She was born Aug. 11, 1921, in Salem Center.

Her husband, Ronald Dale Lockwood, died Aug. 7, 1999.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, DeWayne and Sharon Lockwood and Kenneth and Patricia Lockwood, all of Waterloo; one daughter and son-in-law, Anna Rose and the Rev. Dr. David Powers of Rockford, Ill.; three sisters, Irene "Bink" Gillespie of Butler, Mary Lepley of Ashley and Ilah Notestine of Mongo; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dan and Tom Parker, and three sisters, Dora Malynda "Lynda" Loucks, Wanda Forrester and Glova Spears.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Northgate Church of the Nazarene at Waterloo.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Northgate Church of the Nazarene.

Carl Lapadot Jr.

LAOTTO — Carl J. Lapadot Jr., 56, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at 3 a.m. in his home in rural LaOtto.

Mr. Lapadot worked in assembly at Eaton Corp. in Auburn for 30 years, retiring Sept. 1, 2003. He was a member of the UAW. He had lived in LaOtto for 35 years.

He was born Nov. 11, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Carl J. Lapadot Sr. and Wilberta G. (Lehman) Lapadot. His parents survive.

He married Diann M. Stolte on Nov. 30, 1968, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Bob Lapadot of Garrett and Dan Lapadot of LaOtto; a brother, Mike Lapadot of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Carol Holcomb of California and Cathy Frendo of Texas.

A sister, Linda Schoenauer, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Garrett High School girls basketball.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Elsa Schlabach

SARASOTA, Fla. — Elsa A. Schlabach, 59, of Sarasota and formerly of Goshen, Ind., died at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2004, at her home after an extended illness.

She had lived in Sarasota for nearly four years.

Miss Schlabach was a waitress and most recently had been employed at the Southern Style Cafe in Goshen. She was a member of Bethel Mennonite Church in Sarasota.

She was born Jan. 18, 1945, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Amos A. and Mary (Miller) Schlabach. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Topeka, Ind.

Also surviving are six sisters and brothers-in-laws, Barbara and Wilbur Yoder, Edna and Ervin Bontrager and Anna and LeRoy Lambright, all of Topeka, Mattie and Edward Slabach Jr. and Katie and Ernest Mullett, all of Shipshewana, Ind., and Naomah and Willie Yoder of Millersburg, Ind.; nine brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Katie Schlabach, Mahlon and Treva Schlabach and Amos Jr. and Ruby Schlabach, all of Shipshewana, Ervin and Diana Schlabach and Nelson and Martha Schlabach, all of Topeka, Lloyd and Marietta Schlabach of Ligonier, Ind., Harley and LaVera Schlabach of Goshen, Ind., Ray and Miriam Schlabach of Sarasota, and LeRoy and Cheryl Schlabach of Nokomis.

She was also preceded in death by three nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, Ind., with the Rev. Adin Miller of Bethel Mennonite Church and the Rev. Linford Martin of First Mennonite Church in Middlebury officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from noon to 4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice of South West Florida.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sarah Kennedy

RUSHVILLE — Sarah F. Kennedy, 82, of Arlington died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Rushville.

Mrs. Kennedy was retired from the Original Tractor Cab Co. in Arlington after 35 years of service.

She was born May 20, 1921, in Somerset, Ky., to Otis and Orpha (Warren) Cline. In 1954, she married Roy O. Kennedy. He died in 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Joan Cline of Greenfield; a daughter, Arlene Kennedy of Rushville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Linda and David Tuttle of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Faye and Boyd Wesley of Somerset; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

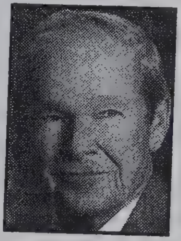
Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Todd Funeral Home in Rushville with Bob Brock officiating. Burial will be in Arlington East Hill Cemetery in Arlington.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Harry Smyers Jr.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Harry G. Smyers Jr., 81, of Wolcottville died at 9:32 p.m. Sunday, March 14, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Smyers had moved to LaGrange in 1960 from Lansing, Mich., and had retired from Goodyear.


Mr. Smyers

He was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351.

Mr. Smyers was born Aug. 16, 1922, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Harry G. Sr. and Susan (Summers) Smyers. On Dec. 19, 1947, in Lansing, he married Dorothy A. Smith. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters, Krisanne and Jeff Hampshire and Sandie and Greg Rasler, all of LaGrange, Deborah and Richard Morgan Sr. of Lexington, Ky., and Janis Smyers and Gary Wohl of Laurel, Mo.; a sister, Betty Conn of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Gaynell Sines, Esther Douglas and Edna Petersen, and a brother, Frank Smyers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with Richard Frederick officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with military graveside services by the American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Randle Graves

AUBURN — Randle R. Graves, 82, died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Graves worked as a machinist at Garrett Flexible, retiring in 1987 after 17 years of service.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and belonged to the Garrett post of the American Legion. He was a member of the Eagles in Garrett and a former member of the Moose lodge in Auburn.

He was born March 4, 1922, in Hornor, W. Va., to Arthur and Lola (Shaver) Graves.

He married Pauline Kester Graves on Oct. 10, 1981, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson and his wife, Richard and Deborah Kester of Auburn; a sister, Lola Graves of Ligonier; nine stepgrandchildren and 31 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five sisters, Lillian Likens, Lorena Posey, Lenora Graves, Luetta Dennison and Mary Casselman; and two brothers, Leslie Graves and Cecil Graves.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Leonard Shaffer will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn with graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

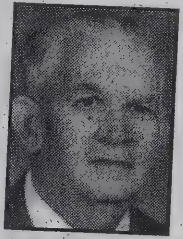
Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Walter Trowl

ALBION — Walter D. Trowl, 79, of Albion died at 12:45 a.m. Monday, March 15, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Trowl

Mr. Trowl was a greeter at the Kendallville Wal-Mart. He was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and enjoyed fishing, auctions and traveling.

He was born Jan. 1, 1925, in South Bend to Dea S. and Nora K. (Winright) Trowl. On Dec. 27, 1947, in Albion, he married Betty Murphy. She survives.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Jack; and a stepsister, Ruth.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmie Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or to Shiloh Baptist Church.

James Swably

COPEMISH, Mich. — James Daniel Swably, 65, of Copemish died Friday, March 12, 2004, at 11:06 p.m. in Munson Regional Medical Center at Traverse City, Mich.

Mr. Swably was a journeyman machinist based in Detroit. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, serving during the Korean conflict.

He was born Oct. 26, 1938, in Bristol, Pa., to Otto and Florence (Spivy) Swably.

He married Esther M. (Bair) Swably on March 26, 1984. She survives.

Also surviving are his stepmother, Mary Alice Swably of Tiffin, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lillian and Steven Williams of Corunna and Leah Fulmer of Grover Hill, Ohio; one son and daughter-in-law, Jesse and Donna Swably of Decatur; two stepchildren and their spouses, Jerry and Vicki Mann of Auburn and Tina and Jodi Howell of Grover Hill, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; two half-brothers and two half-sisters.

His father preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in DenHerder Funeral Home at Paulding, Ohio. Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery at Grover Hill, Ohio.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Copemish, Mich., EMS or the family.

Richard Gessaman

LAGRANGE — Richard E. Gessaman, 83, of LaGrange died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Gessaman was a self-employed manufacturer's representative.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps. He served as a tech sergeant with the 15th A.F. 459 Bomber Group stationed in southern Italy. He flew 51 missions.

Mr. Gessaman was born Sept. 1, 1920, in Troy, Ohio, to George and Ann Mae (Smith) Gessaman. On June 18, 1999, in Stryker, Ohio, he married his wife, Janet. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and John Trest of Dallas, Texas, and Kathleen and Mark Burke of Jackson, Mich.; a son and daughter-law, Richard E. and Kim Gessaman Jr. of Angola; a stepdaughter; two stepsons; four grandchildren; seven stepgrandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

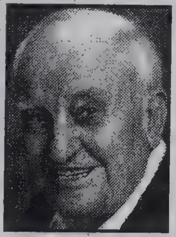
Private graveside services will be held at Lakeside Cemetery in Fremont with the Rev. Kenneth Weaver officiating.

There will be private family calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Owen Troyer

SHIPSHEWANA — Owen C. Troyer, 91, of Shipshewana and formerly of Middlebury, died at 11:42 p.m. Monday, March 15, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.


Mr. Troyer

Mr. Troyer had worked at Star Tank & Boat Co. (now Starcraft) in Goshen and was a farmer.

He was a member of Griner Conservative Mennonite Church in Middlebury where he had served as a trustee.

He was born March 27, 1912, in Limon, Colo., to Christian and Elizabeth (Miller) Troyer. He moved to Indiana in 1920. On Dec. 25, 1937, in Middlebury, he married Ada L. Bontrager. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Joseph Stutzman of Goshen; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Lloyd and Mary Troyer of Middlebury, Eldon and Deborah Troyer and Mervin and Susan Troyer, all of Goshen, and Verton Troyer of Milford; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Ella Miller of Shipshewana, Sue Bontrager of Due West, S.C., Amy Bontrager of Middlebury and Wilma and Henry Herschberger of Goshen; a brother and sister-in-law, Cephas and Jean Troyer of Goshen; a sister-in-law, Orpha Troyer of Goshen; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a grandson and two brothers, Ora Troyer and Lester Troyer.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Griner Conservative Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Rev. Harley Troyer, the Rev. Robert Riegsecker and the Rev. John Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the church and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Luke Yoder

MIDDLEBURY — Luke Jon Yoder, newborn son of Freeman and Amy (Miller) Yoder of Middlebury, died at 6:20 a.m. Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Surviving with his parents are his grandparents, Marvin and Erma Miller of Middlebury and Amos and Rachel Yoder of LaGrange, and his great-grandparents, Jacob and Emma Yoder of LaGrange, Mary Alice Yoder of Shipshewana, and Rudy and Esther Miller of Middlebury.

Family services will be held with Bishop Daniel Yoder of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Goshen.

William Mueller

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — William Eugene "Bill" Mueller, 75, of Colorado Springs died Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

Mr. Mueller was born March 19, 1928, in Kendallville, Ind., to Robert W. and Ruth Christine (Waller) Mueller. On Aug. 26, 1982, he married Jo Ann Franks. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Linda, Mark, Kim and Dana; two brothers, Jim Mueller of Avilla, Ind., and Jerry Mueller of LaOtto, Ind.; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Joe Mueller; and a sister, Marcia Bruce.

Memorial services were held Friday, March 12, at the Greater Christ Temple Apostolic Church in Colorado Springs.

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Donald Myers

HOWE — Donald R. "Buck" Myers, 70, of Howe died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Myers had moved to Howe from Butler in 1996. He had retired as a material handler at Bohn Aluminum in Butler and was a partner in DBR Trucking in Butler.

He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and Butler Eagles Lodge 2733.

Mr. Myers was born Nov. 13, 1933, in Continental, Ohio, to Daniel M. and Viola M. (Waltz) Myers. On Feb. 29 he married Shirley A. Myers. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judy Cotterman of Indianapolis, Cathy Charlton of Auburn and Shelly Myers of Hamilton; four sons, Roger Myers and Robert Myers, both of Butler, Donald Myers of Cromwell and Dennis Myers of Hamilton; two stepdaughters, Candy Wallick of Howe and Kimberly Speicher of LaGrange; a stepson, Rodney Blair of Howe; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Brighton Cemetery in Howe with military graveside services by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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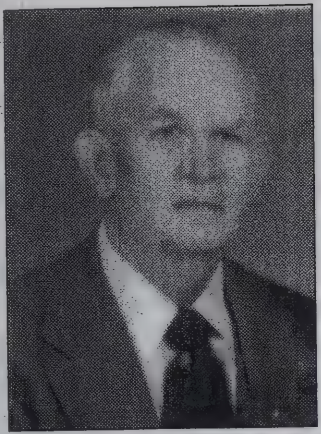

Walter Trowl

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He was born January 1, 1925, in South Bend to Dea S. and Nora K. (Winright) Trowl. On December 27, 1947, in Albion, he married Betty Murphy. She survives.

Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Jack; and a stepsister, Ruth.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmie Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or to Shiloh Baptist Church.

Sarah Kennedy

RUSHVILLE – Sarah F. Kennedy, 82, of Arlington died Sunday, March 14, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Rushville.

Mrs. Kennedy was retired from the Original Tractor Cap Co. in Arlington after 35 years of service.

She was born May 20, 1921, in Somerset, KY, to Otis and Orpha (Warren) Cline. In 1954, she married Roy O. Kennedy. He died in 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronnie and Joan Cline of Greenfield; a daughter, Arlene Kennedy of Rushville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Linda and David Tuttle of Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Faye and Boyd Wesley of Somerset; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Todd Funeral Home in Rushville with Bob Brock officiating. Burial was in Arlington East Hill Cemetery in Arlington.

Opal Emerick

KENDALLVILLE – Opal O. Emerick, age 84, died on Friday, March 12, 2004, at the Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She was born on July 1, 1919 in Kimmell to Verl and Lura (Kesling) Strouse. She married George "Jock" Emerick on May 29, 1949, in Hernando, Mississippi and he preceded her in death on November 11, 1992.

She was retired and had worked as a cashier at the Ames Store in Kendallville and the K-Mart store in Angola for many years.

She is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jesse Yates of Rome City, and Randy and Linda Emerick of Angola; one daughter and son-in-law, Robin and Rick Godsey of Albion; four granddaughters, Tammy Converset of Corunna, Tina Yates of Fort Wayne, Teri Feller of Kendallville, and Stacy Emerick of Pleasant Lake; one grandson, Brian Emerick of Angola; several step-grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several step-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Emerick was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry and a sister, Marjorie Crance.

Services were held Monday, March 15, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

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George Baker

LIGONIER — George A. Baker, 83, of Ligonier died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker had moved to Ligonier in 1966 from Berwind, W.Va. He retired in 1988 from maintenance at Monsanto in Ligonier.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and had participated in the Sicily, Salerno and Anzio invasions. He received the Purple Heart.

Mr. Baker enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family.

He was born April 1, 1920, in Berwind to George and Mary Belle (Taylor) Baker. On Dec. 21, 1945, in Berwind, he married Alice Marie Webb. She died in 1988.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Bradley and Patty Baker of Norwalk, Ohio, George and Betty Baker of Syracuse, Gregory and Kristina Baker of Ligonier and David DePew of LaGrange; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mindy and Bill Lang of Cromwell, Frances Baker of Ligonier, Kathy and Archie Ball of Ligonier, and Alexis and Richard Welch of Jessup, Md.; five brothers, Lawrence Baker of Hammond, Don Baker and Fred Baker, both of Mineral, Va., Wayne Baker of Marion, Va., and Clarence Baker of Alexander, Va.; three sisters, Pearl Wade of Mineral, Va., Mary Belle Moser of Marion, Va., and Bessie Sheets of Richmond, Va.; 21 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and two grandchildren, Michael Lang and Christopher Ball.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Dave Kushman officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice & Home Health Care.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Opal O. Emerick** were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Burial was in Merriam Christian Union Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Stewart Emerick, Brian Emerick, Jesse Emerick, Mike Arnold, Jeff Arnold and Ron Hite.

Flora Hoover

LAGRANGE — Flora Hoover, 78, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hoover had retired in 1988 from Essex Wire after working in Ligonier and Topeka.

Mrs. Hoover

She attended Independent Baptist Church in South Milford and loved to raise flowers and spend time in her garden.

She was born March 27, 1925, in Knott County, Ky., to John and Ellen (Handshoe) Terry. On March 16, 1941, in Quicksand, Ky., she married Clovis Hoover. He preceded her in death May 21, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Geneva and David Hicks of Brimfield, and Jean and Javier Garza and Diane and Harry Gamble, all of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rickie and Lori Hoover and Cody Hoover, all of LaGrange; a sister, Dorothy Ramey of Kendallville; a brother, Rada Terry of Princeton, W.Va.; 22 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Grant Hoover and Granvil Hoover; four brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Earl Rose and Earl Bolen officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Woman pays tribute to her father

Editor's Note: The following essay was submitted to this newspaper by Juliet Leamon of Syracuse in memory of her father, Andy Chavez, who passed away on March 10.

As a child I looked upon my father to be all I needed him to be, Of course, little girls grow up - but any shortcomings that I see now take a shadow in the background as I stand on the firm foundation of what he taught me as I grew up. His name is Andrew. Even his name sounded strong to me. My mother worked hard and faithfully beside him yet in my memory, it is him that I see, strong and powerful. Perhaps it is because Mexican men do not always look upon daughters in the same way that they do sons. I just know that I always wanted to please him. When I was a child a look from him commanded silence. I am an adult now, but in his presence I am always a child again.

"God willing first", he used to say before any sentence that announced his plans. Initially it was that planted the seed of faith in my heart. He was the most intelligent man. He was eager to learn new things and always learned so quickly. He would never hire someone to do something when he could learn to do it himself.

In time there were 12 children in the family. I know that they struggled. But, do you know that as a little girl, I never knew that we were poor? What sacrifices were made, to give us the food on the table and the clothes on our backs! We never drew welfare, although I am sure with what I know now, we certainly would have been qualified. My dad was always so proud! We had what he could provide for us by the faith he had in God, by the sweat of his brow and the faithful support from his beautiful wife.

Standing proudly for the United States flag, he taught us to love our country. For he had lived on the other side of the border and he knew but by the grace of God our lives could have been so different. I never forgot that each and every day of my own life. "A man should never forget where his father's father comes from!"

Photo contributed

The late Andy Chavez is shown with two of his granchildren, Nicole and Dakota.

When I asked him what gift I could give him on his birthday, or at Christmas he would say, "Love, respect and understanding". So I learned that the greatest gift you can give is not wrapped in a box. He spoke Spanish and English both fluently and on numerous occasions would take time off of his own job to act as an interpreter for a man of lesser fortune. So I have learned all about going the extra mile. He was a strong advocate for the Mexican community many people considered him to be the Mexican Mayor of Ligonier.

He was loved my many but his charisma went beyond languages - for my dad never met a stranger! He believed that where there is a will there is a way, and with the help of God I had a life of knowledge and loyalty and responsibility and experience that no about of money could ever buy.

Sunday mornings would find our family in church. The offering basket would always contain the envelope from our parents and when we began to work (even when it was pulling weeds for the neighbor for 15¢) envelopes were provided for our offerings as well.

We were not allowed to make fun of people for any reason! A fair and helping hand was stretched to all. So I have learned compassion and giving and unconditional love and the importance of family, but not so much by what was said but rather by what lived every day of his life.

With all my love, dad
Juliet

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Elsa Schlabach

SARASOTA, Fla. — Elsa A. Schlabach, 59, of Sarasota and formerly of Goshen, Ind., died at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, March 13, 2004, at her home after an extended illness.

She had lived in Sarasota for nearly four years.

Miss Schlabach was a waitress and most recently had been employed at the Southern Style Cafe in Goshen. She was a member of Bethel Mennonite Church in Sarasota.

She was born Jan. 18, 1945, in LaGrange County, Ind., to Amos A. and Mary (Miller) Schlabach. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Topeka, Ind.

Also surviving are six sisters and brothers-in-laws, Barbara and Wilbur Yoder, Edna and Ervin Bontrager and Anna and LeRoy Lambright, all of Topeka, Mattie and Edward Slabach Jr. and Katie and Ernest Mullett, all of Shipshewana, Ind., and Naomah and Willie Yoder of Millersburg, Ind.; nine brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Katie Schlabach, Mahlon and Treva Schlabach and Amos Jr. and Ruby Schlabach, all of Shipshewana, Ervin and Diana Schlabach and Nelson and Martha Schlabach, all of Topeka, Lloyd and Marietta Schlabach of Ligonier, Ind., Harley and LaVera Schlabach of Goshen, Ind., Ray and Miriam Schlabach of Sarasota, and LeRoy and Cheryl Schlabach of Nokomis.

She was also preceded in death by three nephews.

Services were Wednesday at First Mennonite Church in Middlebury, Ind., with the Rev. Adin Miller of Bethel Mennonite Church and the Rev. Linford Martin of First Mennonite Church in Middlebury officiating. Burial was in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Memorials are to Hospice of South West Florida.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Mast

LIGONIER — Virginia L. "Mickey" Mast, 76, of Ligonier, died at 10:55 a.m. Wednesday, March 10, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Mast was a homemaker. She enjoyed dancing, crossword puzzles, painting, crocheting, and old church hymns. She was born Dec. 19, 1927, in Montana. On Oct. 6, 1956, she married LeRoy Mast. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sherri and Clyde Barkey of Ligonier and Suzanne and Dennis Rose of Ligonier; a son, Michael Mast and his companion, Emma Barkey, of Cromwell; a brother, Eugene Hughart of Chesterton; several stepbrothers; several stepsisters; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor Clair Hochstetler officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorial are to the American Cancer Society.

Randle Graves

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Services will be today, Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Leonard Shaffer will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn with graveside services by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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He was preceded in death by a stepbrother, Jack; and a stepsister, Ruth.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today, Thursday, at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmie Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today, Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or to Shiloh Baptist Church.

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This obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Donald Myers

HOWE — Donald R. "Buck" Myers, 70, of Howe died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Myers had moved to Howe from Butler in 1996. He had retired as a material handler at Bohn Aluminum in Butler and was a partner in DBR Trucking in Butler.

He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and Butler Eagles Lodge 2733.

Mr. Myers was born Nov. 13, 1933, in Continental, Ohio, to Daniel M. and Viola M. (Waltz) Myers. On Feb. 29 he married Shirley A. Blair. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judy Cotterman of Indianapolis, Cathy Charlton of Auburn and Shelly Myers of Hamilton; four sons, Roger Myers and Robert Myers, both of Butler, Donald Myers of Cromwell and Dennis Myers of Hamilton; two stepdaughters, Candy Wallick of Howe and Kimberly Speicher of LaGrange; a stepson, Rodney Blair of Howe; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Services were today at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial was in Brighton Cemetery in Howe with military graveside services by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

James Sprinkle

FORT WAYNE — James E. Sprinkle, 74, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at his home.

He was a manufacturing supervisor with Sheller-Globe Tool for 23 years, retiring in 1986. He also had worked for Employers Security.

Mr. Sprinkle was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and received the Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of American Legion Post 82, an amateur boxer, and had played minor league baseball for the Scatterville Songbirds.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Denise and Kenny Smith of Fort Wayne, Debra and John Edwards of Rome City and Lisa and Scott Keebortz of Sevierville, Tenn.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert Sprinkle of Fort Wayne and Cameron and Mary Sprinkle of Oakland City; his fiancee, Diana Armstrong of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bessie and Kenny Adams of Tell City and Patricia Maggert of Garrett; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Ezra and Valera, and one sister, Peggy Royal.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens. Military graveside services will be by American Legion Post 82.

Calling will be today from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crossroads Children's Home.

Chester Bolinger

KENDALLVILLE — Chester G. "Chet" Bolinger, 78, of White Pigeon, Mich., and formerly of South Milford, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Burgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Bolinger had owned and operated Chet's Mobil Service Station for nine years in South Milford. He had served on the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years. He had moved to White Pigeon about 12 years ago.

He enjoyed fishing and was on a bowling team with his wife and son, Ralph. He was awarded the Willard Pollard Memorial Award in 1985 for sportsmanship and dedication.

He was born May 31, 1925, in Pleasant Lake, the son of Clyde and Lena (Freed) Bolinger. On Dec. 28, 1942, in Hudson he married Doris Willits. She survives in White Pigeon.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Ralph and Lou Ann Bolinger of Sturgis, Mich., Paul and Sandra Bolinger of Wawaka, Norman and Patricia Bolinger of Topeka, and Charles Bolinger of Greenville, Ky.; a daughter, Patricia and Gary Wooten of Rome City; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Ron Porter officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

Thomas Hogan

FORT WAYNE — Thomas P. Hogan, 71, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 15, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Hogan retired in 1996 from Abbott Laboratories where he had been a pharmaceutical representative for 27 years.

He was born in Fort Wayne the son of Michael and Esther Hogan. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Hogan was a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church and the Northeast Pharmacy Association. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, traveling and an avid fan of Purdue University sports.

Surviving are his wife, Mary of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Debra Hogan of Livonia, Mich.; a daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and Michael DeSanto of Indianapolis; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Dr. MaryAnn Hogan of Indianapolis, Dennis and Barbara Hogan of Rome City, James and Cora Hogan of Wolcottville, and Timothy and Francie Hogan of Fort Wayne; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Kathleen and Joseph Costello of Rome City, Patricia and William Neil of Fort Wayne, Ann Hogan of Fort Wayne, and Ellen Hogan of Boulder, Colo.; his mother-in-law, Helen Beach of Indianapolis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary A. Hogan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

This obituary is being reprinted to provide additional information.

Flora Hoover

LAGRANGE — Flora Hoover, 78, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hoover

Mrs. Hoover had retired in 1988 from Essex Wire after working in Ligonier and Topeka.

She attended Independent Baptist Church in South Milford and loved to raise flowers and spend time in her garden.

She was born March 27, 1925, in Knott County, Ky., to John and Ellen (Handshoe) Terry. On March 16, 1941, in Quicksand, Ky., she married Clovis Hoover. He preceded her in death May 21, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Geneva and David Hicks of Brimfield, and Jean and Javier Garza and Diane and Harry Gamble, all of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rickie and Lori Hoover and Cody Hoover, all of LaGrange; a sister, Dorothy Ramey of Kendallville; a brother, Rada Terry of Princeton, W.Va.; a stepbrother, Oscar Handshoe of Kendallville; her stepmother, Roberta Terry of Kendallville; two stepsisters, Maggie Groh of Kendallville and Edith Conley of Sturgis, Mich.; 22 grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Grant Hoover and Granvil Hoover; four brothers; and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Earl Rose and Earl Bolen officiating. Burial will be at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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'Leti' Peña 'gave her heart to everybody'

Death of Ligonier businesswoman shocks community

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — Thursday's traffic accident that claimed the life of Dalia "Leti" Peña of Ligonier left shockwaves throughout the West Noble area that extended much further than the Latino community.

Peña, 43, was the owner and operator of Leti's Tacos, a popular restaurant in downtown Ligonier. The food and friendly atmosphere at her eatery attracted customers of all races and backgrounds, and the majority of her customers were longtime regulars.

But beyond her role as a business owner and server of great food, Peña was an integral part of a large family left devastated by her death.

"She was like the glue that kept our family together," said Margarita White, one of Peña's many nieces. "She just gave her heart to everybody and didn't ask for anything in return."

Celia Peña, another of Peña's nieces, also spoke fondly of her aunt as she tried to cope with her grief Friday. "The back door of Leti's was always open for anyone who needed something," she said. "She was always

FILE PHOTO

Dalia "Leti" Peña of Ligonier, owner and operator of Leti's Tacos, serves up a dish in this 2000 file photo. Thursday's traffic accident that claimed Peña's life has sent shockwaves through the West Noble community.

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LETI: *Well-wishers leave flowers in front of restaurant*

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offering advice or counseling to people. If anyone needed anything, they could count on Leti to help out."

Peña was one of 10 children of her parents, David and Ceclia Peña of Ligonier. She had three brothers and six sisters along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Her family immigrated to Ligonier from Mexico when Peña was a youngster and she finished her education at West Noble schools.

Peña and Leti's Tacos were major supporters of community causes such as church auctions and charity drives, and one of her favorite things to help with was youth sports teams, as organizers knew she could always be counted on to sponsor a soccer, basketball or baseball team.

The fatal accident occurred while Peña was doing a favor for a friend: taking her home when she needed a ride. She had stopped at a stop sign coming out of the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park near Cromwell and apparently failed to see an oncoming pickup truck. Police believe Peña may have been talking on her cell phone when the crash took place.

Leti's Tacos will be closed for an indefinte amount of time, according to a sign placed on the business's front window Friday morning, informing people of Peña's passing. Bouquets of flowers were placed by well-wishers in front of the building on South Cavin Street.

Peña and her restaurant had been featured in a full-page article in the Nov. 1, 2000, issue of The News-Sun. In that story, she talked about her family's background and its impact on her business.

"My mother came from a business background," she said in that interview. "Her parents owned a store in Mexico, and a small dairy farm. After we moved here she saw a need for Mexican food, so we sold it to church members, first, then to the public. It turned out that almost everybody likes Mexican food, not just Mexicans. So, Mom got this idea to open a restaurant, and she taught me what to cook.

"The cooking part didn't come as easy as one might think," she explained with a hearty laugh at herself. "I had a touch of food in me, but I liked the business part of business better. I have to tell you I burned a lot of rice before I got it down right, actually, I guess it just stuck, which it's not supposed to do. But, I'd had seven years of home economics by the time I graduated from West Noble High School, and now I know why I took all those years.

"It's a small menu and a small family business, but we like it that way," she said back in 2000. "I've had offers to go to Indianapolis and even France, but I'm just one person, and besides, we all like it here."

A full obituary for Ms. Peña is on this page.

Arthur Trier

COLUMBIA CITY — Arthur H. Trier, 83, of Columbia City died Thursday, March 18, 2004, at 6:25 p.m. in The Oaks.

Mr. Trier

Mr. Trier was a partner in the family business founded by his father as Trier International Harvester Implements. In the mid-1940s the business became Trier Implements and Hudson Auto. In 1954, the Implement division was closed and became Trier Lincoln Mercury. Ford was later added to the line and the business presently operates as Trier Lincoln Mercury Ford Chrysler. Mr. Trier retired from active business in 1986.

He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church and American Legion Post 98. As a member of Columbia City Rotary Club, he was a recipient of the Rotary Paul Harris Fellow award. He also was a past president of the Old Settlers Association, in 1962, and the Columbia City Eagles.

He served on the Columbia City School Board from 1954 to 1958 and on the Columbia City Council from 1964 to 1968. He was a former member of the First Presbyterian Church, an elder of the church and sang in the church choir for many years.

Mr. Trier served as a captain in the U.S. Army Air Force and piloted a B-24 bomber during World War II.

He attended grade school at the Emmaus Lutheran School in Fort Wayne. His family moved to Columbia City in 1935 and he graduated from Columbia City High School in 1939.

He was born Oct. 3, 1921, in Allen County to Arthur W. and Irene L. (Meyer) Trier.

On Dec. 12, 1943, he married Eleanor F. DeVol. They always made their home in Columbia City. Mrs. Trier died Jan. 3, 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Arthur DeVol and Jennifer Trier of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Connie and Kim Lobsiger of Garrett; four grandchildren, Patrick Inks, Christine Wooldridge and Anthony and Scott Trier; a stepgrandson, Ryan Lobsiger; four great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-granddaughter; a brother, Vernon Trier of Columbia City; and a sister, Norma Jean Johnston of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert W. Trier.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Dr. C. James Cress will officiate. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery with the American Legion Post 98 presenting military honors.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Grace Lutheran Church Music Fund or the Indiana University Varsity Club.

Franklin Rottger

AUBURN — Franklin E. Rottger, 83, died Friday, March 19, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Rottger worked for Midwest Foundry in Garrett for 20 years and at Auburn Foundry for 3 1/2 years, retiring in 1973.

He was a member of Sons of the American Legion, Auburn Moose Lodge and the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Dec. 31, 1920, in Altona to LeRoy and Cora (Zolman) Rottger.

He married Mildred Ely on June 17, 1944, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Edward Rottger of Auburn and Richard and Jyl Rottger, also of Auburn; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Linda and Ronnie Williford of Auburn, Janet and Robert Zimmerman of Butler, Janice and Edward Short of London, Ky., and Connie Roush and her fiancé, Jerry Brown, of Garrett; a brother, Harold Rottger of Auburn; three sisters, Joan Lillo of Marion, Ohio, Roszella Schlosser of Auburn and Shirley Wyatt of Avilla; 27 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robert Rottger; two brothers, a half-brother and a half-sister.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospital and St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to include additional information and to correct errors.

Chester Bolinger

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Chester G. "Chet" Bolinger, 78, of White Pigeon, Mich., and formerly of South Milford, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Bolinger had owned and operated Chet's Mobil Service Station for nine years in South Milford. He had served on the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years. He had moved to White Pigeon about 12 years ago.

He retired from A-1 Production in 1987.

Mr. Bolinger enjoyed fishing and was on a bowling team with his wife and son, Ralph. He was awarded the Willard Pollard Memorial Award in 1985 for sportsmanship and dedication.

He was born May 31, 1925, in Pleasant Lake, the son of Clyde and Lena (Freed) Bolinger. On Dec. 28, 1942, in Hudson, he married Doris Willits. She survives in White Pigeon.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Ralph and Lou Ann Bolinger of Sturgis, Mich., Paul Bolinger of Angola, John and Sandra Bolinger of Wawaka, Norman and Patricia Bolinger of Topeka, and Charles Bolinger of Greenville, Ky.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sanda Bolinger, of Wawaka; a daughter, Patricia and Gary Wooten of Rome City; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Roger and David Bolinger, died in 1971, and two sisters and one brother also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Ron Porter officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dalia 'Leti' Peña

LIGONIER — Dalia A. "Leti" Peña, 43, of Ligonier, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, in an automobile accident.

She had lived in Ligonier since 1976 and owned and operated Leti's Taco in downtown Ligonier since 1987.

She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God, and an advocate for the Hispanic community. She was a sponsor of youth athletic teams at the Ligonier Sports and Recreation Center, and she was known for giving her time and love to her family and friends.

Ms. Peña

On June 10, 1960, she was born in Matadors, Mexico, to Domingo and Celia M. (Martinez) Peña Sr.

Surviving are her father in Ligonier; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Daniel and Milca Peña, David D. and Margarita Peña and Domingo Jr. and Shelly Peña, all of Ligonier; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Dora A. and David Ybarra of Weslaco, Texas, and Delia J. and Ezequiel Cervantes, Dorfelinda V. and Jose Vargas, Dara C. and Juan Estrada, Dina Rose Peña, and D. Dolores and Greg Pfenning, all of Ligonier.

Her mother preceded her in death.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Trinity Assembly of God Church, Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the church.

Preferred memorials are to the Extreme Youth Ministries Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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Shook was friend to bankers, dishwashers

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Robert Shook's heart and personality were bigger than life, according to Tom Alberts, one of Mr. Shook's closest friends.

They first met in 1963, when Alberts moved to Kendallville as a banker. Shook then owned the Dairy Queen.

Over the years, their friendship grew and after Mr. Shook opened Shook's Lounge, they had Friday night dinners together.

"I don't think in all the time he had the restaurant, we missed 25 meals together," Alberts said.

Mr. Shook, who died March 4 at the age of 73, and Alberts were avid golfers.

"Bob was one of the best putters you will ever see," Alberts said. A 12-handicapper, Mr. Shook was highly competitive on the links, and he shot par more than once at Cobblestone, Albert said.

"He was a great friend, whether you were a bank president or a dish washer," Alberts said. "There wasn't a person alive he didn't like, or couldn't get along with.

"He is missed immensely, by me and a lot of people," Alberts said.

Mr. Shook

Mr. Shook's wife, Mary Lou, recalled that they were living at a military base in Hawaii when her husband got his first "taste" of the soft ice cream business.

"We didn't have a lot of money, and Bob got a part-time job at a Tastee Freeze," she said. She said that when they got home to Columbia City in 1954, "Tastee Freeze was not so popular, so we got into Dairy Queen," operating the business until 1957, when the Shooks moved to Kendallville and purchased its Dairy Queen.

Mr. Shook's businesses always involved the entire family and in 1971 he decided to open Shook Artic-Kawasaki on property he had purchased on West North Street.

"He had a snowmobile and thought it was something he would like to sell," Mary Lou said. "Then, one day, he said he liked the food business better, and we built the restaurant," she said, explaining the birth of Shook's Lounge. Mr. Shook sold the snowmobile business, now Hayden Honda.

The restaurant was immediately a popular dining spot, where both Bob and Mary Lou made sure every customer was comfortable and satisfied. When the restaurant first opened, Mr. Shook went so far as to grow his own potatoes "because he liked to have them big," Mary Lou said.

Mr. Shook always enjoyed gardening, his wife said. "In the last few years, he had quite an orchard of about 40 trees. He grew apples and peaches, mostly so that he could give them away. It was fun for him and he really enjoyed it."

Mr. Shook developed friendships with several former baseball greats of the New York Yankees, who would come to Kendallville and visit the lounge.

"It was just by happenstance; Bob wrote the Yankees" and made contact with Mickey Mantle and asked him to come to Kendallville. "It was easier then, I guess, to do something like that," she said.

Mantle came two or three times, she said, bringing along Billy Martin and Whitey Ford. Pictures of Mr. Shook and the Yankee trio were prominently displayed in the restaurant.

Mrs. Shook said the last time her husband saw Mantle was in South Bend at a plate show. "Mickey said that he was getting $25,000 for an appearance, and Bob told him, 'That is a lot of potatoes,'" his wife said.

Mr. Shook sold the restaurant in 1999. "The business just got to be too much," his wife said.

Alberts said his friend cheated death once, two years ago. "I was in Florida when I got a call that he was in intensive care, and I flew back the next day. It took a long time, but he recovered.

"I think that when he got upstairs, they told him they weren't ready for him yet; come back in a couple of years," Alberts said.

Mrs. Harger remembered as a loving mom

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HAMILTON — "She made the best pies."

Rich Harger, Eileen Harger's youngest child, remembered a mother who "loved to cook and loved to read."

"She didn't make one kind of pie, she made all of them," he said. "And she read a lot of Reader's Digests."

Mrs. Harger

O. Eileen Harger, 86, of Hamilton, died Monday, March 8, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Harger and her husband, Raymond, lived in Hamilton for much of their adult lives. It was there they raised their children — Richard, Maclyn, Gloria and Marilyn — on the family farm.

Mrs. Harger was widowed. She and her husband had 10 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild. At the time of her death, she was living at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

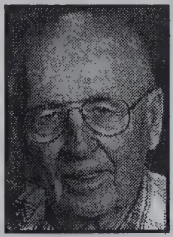
Mrs. Harger became a familiar face at many places in Hamilton during her life there. She was a cook at the Hamilton House restaurant, and also for Hamilton Community Schools.

"A lot of people knew her, especially at the Fish and Game Club," Rich said.

Mrs. Harger was also a sales clerk for Harger's Meat Market, which was owned by her brother-in-law and father-in-law, for 23 years before retiring. She was a graduate of Garrett High School.

Byron Graves

KENDALLVILLE — Byron Elwood Graves, 87, of Allen Township in Noble County, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at 4:45 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.


Mr. Graves

He had been a resident at the home for the past two weeks and had been in declining health since mid-December 2003.

Mr. Graves had been a farmer since he was 11 years old. As a lifelong community member in Allen Township, he was involved with the Sweet Church Restoration Project and was a member of the Noble County Farm Bureau.

He enjoyed farming, gardening, fishing and traveling.

He was born to Thad and Edith M. (Bouhey) Graves on April 25, 1916, in Allen Township in Noble County. They preceded him in death.

He married Virginia Weimer on April 6, 1938. She preceded him in death on Sept. 9, 1978.

He then married June E. (Harvey) Simon on Jan. 12, 1980. She preceded him in death on Oct. 25, 2002.

Also preceding him in death were a stepfather, Neal Huffman, and a brother, Dean Graves.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Donna and James Frey of Kendallville; one stepdaughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Kevin VanGessel of Kendallville; three stepsons and two stepdaughters-in-law, Steven C. and Debora Simon of Wawaka, Richard and Anne Simon of Kendallville and Paul Simon of Kendallville; one sister, Jeanette Stringfellow of Kendallville; three grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Noble County Cancer Society.

Marie Olds

CORONA, Calif. — Marie Olds, 88, of Corona, Calif., died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Life Care Center of Corona.

A DeKalb County native, Mrs. Olds was born April 7, 1915. She was a homemaker.

Surviving are a son James Olds of Crestline, Calif.; two daughters, Sally Barr of Lake Elsinore, Calif., and Kathy Wise of Texas; two sisters, Joanna Vancil of Tulsa, Okla., and Margaret Dilgard of Phoenix; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be today at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) at Thomas Miller Mortuary in Corona, Calif., followed by a private cremation.

Funeral arrangements are by Thomas Miller Mortuary, 1118 E. Sixth St., Corona, CA 92879 is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Frick

WATERLOO — Helen C. Frick, 97, of Waterloo died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was born to Frank and Louise (Pfefferkorn) Schlosser on April 2, 1906, in Smithfield Township of DeKalb County.

She married Chester Frick on Jan. 24, 1929, in Waterloo, and together they owned and operated Frick's Bargain Inn in Waterloo from 1953 to 1968.

Mrs. Frick also worked at Imperial Plating of Waterloo and Electric Motors of Garrett.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett.

Surviving are a son, Alfred "Gene" Frick of Waterloo; a daughter, Betty Roose of Garrett; a sister, Kathryn Dunn of Waterloo; eight grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 21, 1987; her parents; a son, Robert Frick; a daughter, Patricia Stayer; three brothers, Ed, Leo and Charles Schlosser; three sisters, Minnie and Celie Hollis and Emma Friend; a grandson, Robert Roose; and a great-granddaughter, Misty Rain Frick.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will be Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Max Rice

AVILLA — Max L. Rice, 86, of Avilla died at 12:10 a.m. Saturday, March 20, 2004, in Parkview Noble Hospital Critical Care Unit in Kendallville, where he had been a patient since Tuesday.

Mr. Rice worked in the maintenance division for the Indiana Department of Transportation for 25 years, retiring in 1985. He also was a farmer for several years.

A lifetime local resident, he was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. He was active in the Noble County Saddle Club and was an avid reader of author Louis Lamour.

He was born in Noble County on March 9, 1918, to Roy and Lola Scarlet Rice.

He married Pauline P. Imler on Feb. 21, 1942, in Avilla. She preceded him in death on Dec. 16, 2003.

His brother, Ronald Rice, also preceded him in death.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Oran Winebrenner of Huntertown; one son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Julia Rice of Garrett; three grandchildren, Jeff and Jason Winebrenner and Lisa Rice; two great-grandchildren, Haley Winebrenner and Maelee Kimmel; one sister, MariLou Stiffney of Goshen.

Services will be Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Sam Kessler officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery in rural Albion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

Susan Detwiler

ALBION — Susan Jean Gray Detwiler, 48, of Albion died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at 6:48 p.m. at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Chapel in Avilla.

Randy Dotts

FREMONT — Randy L. Dotts, 53, of Fremont died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Dotts worked for 31 years at Aro Corp. in Angola and as a farmer.

He enjoyed his grandchildren and working on his farm equipment. He attended the Church of the Nazarene in Orland. He graduated from Fremont High School in 1968.

He was born to Robert H. and Hazel (Heckathorn) Dotts on Sept. 21, 1950, in Angola. They preceded him in death.

He married Carol Stroh on Sept. 27, 1969, in Angola. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Tammy Dotts of Angola; a son, Kelly Dotts of Fremont; a sister, Sandy Smith of Ashley; and two grandchildren, David and Francisco Carrasco of Angola.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Rodger Strong officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery of Angola.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling arrangements.

Grace Tipton

COLUMBIA CITY — Grace C. Tipton, 93, of Albion died at 4:50 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center in Columbia City where she had been a resident since February 1999.

Mrs. Tipton

Mrs. Tipton was a graduate of Albion High School. She was a nurse's aide at Linville Hospital for 10 years and worked at Montgomery Ward for one year. She was a member of Blue River Church of the Brethren.

She was born Oct. 9, 1910, in Whitley County to William and Ella Caroline (Zumbrun) Brumbaugh. In 1929, she married Glenn Kreider. He died June 29, 1950. In 1958, she married Edward C. Tipton. He died Oct. 2, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, David Leon and Pat Kreider of Columbia City, Rolland Lynn and Betty Kreider of Milford and Don Allen and Marilee Kreider of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn Swinehart of Fort Wayne and Carol and Wayne Edwards of Albion; two stepsons and their wives, John H. and Gwen Tipton of Kendallville and Edward D. and Kathy Tipton of Churubusco; a stepdaughter, Lois Jean Kelly of Kendallville; a sister, Ruth Brumbaugh of Florida; 31 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Dwayne Dale Kreider; two brothers, Melvin Brumbaugh and Gerald Brumbaugh; and two sisters, Lilah Veazey and Hallie McCoy.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Blue River Church of the Brethren near Columbia City with Pastor Craig A. Myers officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Blue River Church of the Brethren Missions or Camp Alexander Mack.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Flora Hoover** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Liberty Free Will Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Earl Rose and the Rev. Earl Bolen officiating.

Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Pallbearers were David Hicks Jr., Kevin Sizemore, Cody Hoover, Harry Gamble Jr., Brandon Garrison and Steve Hoover.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Willis Troyer

LAGRANGE — The Rev. Willis C. Troyer, 90, of LaGrange died at 5:19 a.m. Sunday, March 21, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Rev. Troyer had served Plato Mennonite Church and was a farmer. He had been a lifetime LaGrange County resident.

He had a great love for working with missions and war refugees.

He was born April 29, 1913, in LaGrange County to Calvin and Matilda (Lambright) Troyer. On April 21, 1935, in LaGrange, he married Vera Ellen Miller. She died July 10, 2001.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Helen and Lester Egli of Wolcottville, Leona and Lee Overholt of Sarasota, Fla., and Lena and Herb Delagrange of Leo; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Donald and Carol Troyer and Philip and Joyce Troyer, all of LaGrange, R. Bruce Troyer of Howe, Verlin and Karen Troyer of Millersburg and Willis Jr. and Sue Troyer of Caledonia, Mich.; a brother, Raymond Troyer of Goshen; 31 grandchildren; and 47 great-grandchildren.

Five sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with Andrew Booth officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice and the Kids Alive International.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sen. Bud Meeks succumbs to cancer

LEO-CEDARVILLE — State Sen. Charles "Bud" Meeks, 67, died this morning.

Mr. Meeks represented Senate District 14, which includes most of DeKalb County and eastern portions of Steuben and Allen counties.

Sen. Meeks

He had been battling colon cancer and missed part of this year's legislative session due to illness. On Jan. 29, he underwent surgery at Indiana University Medical Center at Indianapolis for complications caused by cancer.

In his final success in the Legislature this year, he won passage of a bill to aid Steel Dynamics Inc. It declares portions of U.S. 6, U.S. 30 and S.R. 9 as extra-heavy-duty highways for trucks carrying steel from the SDI mills in Butler and Columbia City.

He was elected to the Senate in 1998 and re-elected in 2002. His current term runs through 2006. He served on the National Conference of State Legislatures Committee on Financial Services.

Last September, Mr. Meeks honored D-Day soldiers when he visited the beaches where Allied forces invaded Europe in 1944. He participated in flag ceremonies at military cemeteries there.

Born Jan. 1, 1937, he graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1954. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-58 and in the U.S. Air Force 122nd Tactical Fighter Wing at Fort Wayne from 1967-1990. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Indiana Air National Guard.

As a member of the Allen County Sheriff's Department, he earned a silver star for apprehending an armed fugitive who had killed two people.

He served as Allen County sheriff from 1975-82, then as chief deputy sheriff from 1982-89.

He then became executive director of the National Sheriffs Association in Washington, D.C., serving in that capacity from 1989-1997. He worked with Congress to pass the 1996 Crime Bill.

He was a part owner and working partner in Cedar Creek Golf Club north of Leo-Cedarville.

He was married to Marjorie Ann Meeks. They had one son and three grandchildren.

His brother, Robert Meeks of LaGrange, also serves in the Indiana Senate.

Marcile Schenk

HUNTERTOWN — Marcile Whonsetler Schenk, 83 of Huntertown died at 12:25 a.m. today, March 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health and hospitalized for three weeks.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Charles Gunthorp

HOWE — Charles R. Gunthorp, 67, of Howe died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Tampa General Hospital in Tampa, Fla., following a traffic accident.

Mr. Gunthorp was a lifetime resident of Howe and had retired from Ross Laboratory in 1991 after 35 years of service.

He was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He was a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Mr. Gunthorp was a former LaGrange County Co-op member and a member of the Crown Victoria Classic Car Club and an avid fisherman.

He was born April 10, 1936, in Sturgis, Mich., to Clarence W. and Pauline (Grubaugh) Gunthorp. They are deceased. On June 30, 1962, in Howe, he married Gloria M. Baum. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and Gary Shavalia of Manton, Mich., and Nancy and Chad Frohriep of Sturgis, Mich.; two sons, Tony Gunthorp of Sturgis and James Gunthorp of Shipshewana; a sister and brother-in-law, Larry and Ruth Anne Aldrich of Howe; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Carolyn Gunthorp of Lorida, Fla.; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe with military graveside services by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe or the donor's choice.

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Virginia Frick

WAWAKA — Virginia M. Frick, 84, of Wawaka died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Frick

Mrs. Frick was a 1937 graduate of Rome City High School and a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren where she was a deaconess for many years. She was a past secretary-treasurer of the Women's Fellowship and a member of the District Women's Cabinet.

She was a homemaker and dedicated to the Right to Life organization.

Mrs. Frick was born Jan. 12, 1920, in Brimfield to Walter and Ruby (Schott) Savoie. On Dec. 31, 1938, in Auburn, she married Harold H. Frick. The couple celebrated their 65 wedding anniversary on Dec. 31, 2003. Mr. Frick survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ford and Brenda Frick of Albion and Harlan and Linda Frick of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sharon and Bill Snyder of Plymouth and Carolyn and Marvin Heller of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Ferne Savoie of Kendallville; a sister, Rosemary Squire of Brimfield; five grandsons, Ford Frick Jr. and his wife, Holly, of Avilla, Christopher Frick of Indianapolis, Joel Frick and his wife, Susie, of Lafayette, Dr. Bill Snyder and his wife, Kim, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Kirk Snyder and his wife, Deb, of Brownsburg; three granddaughters, Rhonda Baker and her husband, Greg, of Indianapolis, Julie Reid and her husband, John, of Maryville, Tenn., Michelle Hale and her husband, Jon, of Fort Wayne; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Francis Savoie Bowman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger and the Rev. Paul McBride officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to the Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideons International.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

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Senate colleagues admired Meeks

BY DAVE KURTZ

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INDIANAPOLIS — As one of the newer members of the Indiana Senate, Sen. Charles "Bud" Meeks sat in the back row of the Senate chamber in Indianapolis.

Senate pages — middle school and high school students who run errands for the senators — stood directly behind him. Meeks became their favorite senator, said his colleague, Sen. David Long, R-Fort Wayne.

Meeks

"He went down early every day to talk to them," Long said of Meeks. He would tease the pages and then share serious insights about the Senate.

"He really believed it was important to give them a positive experience in state government to take home with them," Long said.

That's just one reason that Long and his colleagues will miss Meeks, who died from cancer Monday morning at the age of 67.

"He was just a real joy and positive person to be around," said Long, who considered Meeks a close friend.

Senate staff members could count on Meeks popping in every morning with his standard greeting, "Good morning, crime-fighters," Long said. "It was just a good feeling when he walked in the door."

Meeks had been a crime-fighter himself for most of his life. He served as Allen County sheriff from 1975-82 and as chief deputy sheriff from 1982-89. He then became executive director of the National Sheriffs Association in Washington, D.C., from 1989-1997.

Returning home to northern Allen County, Meeks ran for the Indiana Senate and won election in 1998. Four years later, he won re-election without opposition.

"He loved being a senator," said Sen. Tom Wyss, R-Fort Wayne.

An Allen County native, Meeks never forgot that he represented DeKalb and Steuben counties, too, Wyss said.

"It wasn't like he favored Allen County over the other counties. I thought that was so admirable about him," Wyss said.

In the Senate, "When he was for something or against something, he sank his teeth into it. He didn't let go," Wyss added.

"He was never hesitant to question and continue to question until he got answers that satisfied him," said Sen. Robert Garton, R-Columbus, the leader of the Senate.

"He had an incisive mind. He grasped issues quickly," Garton said. "He just had the ability to almost immediately go to the core of an issue and then ask the right questions."

"I know he really enjoyed his job and that he felt like he had really found his niche. He really liked doing good for people in serving as senator," said state Rep. Phyllis Pond, R-New Haven.

"I don't know anyone with greater integrity, and people trusted his honesty," Pond said.

"He was a great public servant," said state Rep. Dennis Kruse, R-Auburn. "He was a good friend of mine, a good senator, and a good community person."

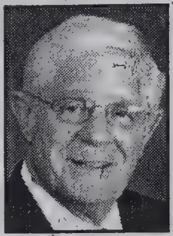
On a personal level, Meeks was a loyal friend, said Wyss, who choked up in talking about his colleague.

"He was a great dad, he was a great husband and a great friend," Wyss said. "If you were his friend, you knew he'd be there for you.

"He was a very strong Christian. He didn't get on a soapbox about it, but he had strong beliefs and he acted with those beliefs."

Sen. Charles Meeks

LEO-CEDARVILLE — Indiana Sen. Charles "Bud" Meeks, 67, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Meeks

A native of Fort Wayne, he represented District 14 which includes eastern portions of Allen County, most of DeKalb County, and eastern Steuben County.

He graduated from Fort Wayne Central High School in 1954, served four years in the U.S. Navy, and became a deputy with the Allen County Sheriff's Department in 1961. He was elected sheriff twice, serving that office from 1975 to 1982. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor of Fort Wayne.

Mr. Meeks was executive director of the National Sheriffs Association for eight years, a position he took after retiring from the sheriff's department after 28 years.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Masonic Lodge South Gate, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, American Legion Post 409, The Chapel, and the Shifters Car Club of Auburn.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie A. Meeks; one son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Renee Meeks of Leo-Cedarville; two brothers, Sen. Robert Meeks of LaGrange and Fred H. Meeks of Fort Wayne; and grandchildren Chad A. Meeks, Sarah E. Meeks and Roy A Meeks, all of Leo-Cedarville.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Brenda Sue Meeks, and a son, David Alan Meeks.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Friday from 10-11 a.m. at The Chapel.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, the Visiting Nurse Service Hospice Home or The Chapel.

Arrangements are by the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home.

Dewey Cochard

KENDALLVILLE — Dewey Cochard, 83, of Kendallville died Monday, March 22, 2004, at the home of his son, Lee Cochard, near Auburn.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Maggie Shepherd

KENDALLVILLE — Maggie Shepherd, formerly of Kendallville, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Jody Anglin of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Velma Gallup

WOLCOTTVILLE — Velma D. Gallup, formerly of Wolcottville, has died in Spring City, Tenn.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Ronald Riegsecker

MIDDLEBURY — Ronald L. "Ron" Riegsecker, 48, of Middlebury died at 5 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past three months.

Mr. Riegsecker was a salesman for St. Joseph Paper and Packaging in South Bend.

He was a member of Clinton Frame Mennonite Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher and was an active ministry leader.

He was born Nov. 8, 1955, in Goshen to Glenn and Esther (Graber) Riegsecker. They survive in Middlebury. On July 2, 1983, in Pleasant View Mennonite Church in Goshen, he married Kathleen "Kathy" Nisly. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Maria and Krista, both at home; three sons, Matthew, Joel and Nathaniel, all at home; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheryl and Charles Horst of Middlebury; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Randall and Sharon Riegsecker of Shipshewana and Robert and Lilly Riegsecker of Goshen.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rodney Riegsecker, in 1993.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church in Goshen with the Rev. Robert Shreiner and the Rev. Terry Diener officiating. Burial will be in Clinton Frame Church Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church and one hour prior to services Thursday.

Memorials are to Crusaders for Christ African Ministries.

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Susan Detwiler

KENDALLVILLE — Susan Jean Gray Detwiler, 48, of Kendallville died at 6:48 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2004, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Detwiler

Mrs. Detwiler was a lifetime area resident and had been employed in inventory control at Parker-Hannifin in Albion since 1984.

She was a 1974 graduate of Churubusco High School. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, canning and searching for antiques at garage sales and auctions.

Mrs. Detwiler was born Aug. 19, 1955, in Wolf Lake to Paul and Betty (Lowe) Gray. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Churubusco. On Nov. 14, 1987, at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, she married Ralph Detwiler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tara Gallo and Jamie Gallo, both of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Hector and Delisha Gallo of Auburn and Jose Gallo of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Florence Gray of Churubusco; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Bill Orr of Columbia City and Beth and James Franklin of Churubusco; and four grandchildren, Gavin Gallo, Kailey Eminger, Ayden Gallo and Trace Gallo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Aaron Peer and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Wanda Yoder

TOPEKA — Wanda Sue Yoder, one week, of Topeka died at 6:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

The baby was born March 16, 2004, in Goshen to Ray and Ada Sue (Miller) Yoder of Topeka.

Surviving with her parents are three sisters, Mary Edna Yoder, Sarah Jean Yoder and Dre[illegible] Kay Yoder, all at home; grandparents, Glen and Elizabeth Yoder of Topeka and Marvin Ray and Katie Miller of Shipshewana; and great-grandparents, Noah and Susie Miller, Ada Miller, and Amos J. and Wilma Miller, all of Shipshewana.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Katie Elizabeth Yoder, on March 14, 2003.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the family home at 2720 S. C.R. 900W, Topeka, with Amish Bishop Samuel Beachy of the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be in Honeyville Cemetery at Topeka.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. Wednesday at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Ida Aldred

FRANKFORT — Ida Avas Aldred, 102, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Wesley Manor Retirement Community in Franklin, where she had resided for 15 years.

She lived much of her life in Steuben County, at Lake James and Lake George.

Mrs. Aldred was born July 27, 1901, to Adam and Amber (Ren) Huppert of Francesville.

Mrs. Aldred married Dr. Leif Steenerson of Climax, Minn., in 1934. Dr. Steenerson practiced dentistry in Angola until 1971. The couple traveled extensively throughout the United States and many foreign countries. He died in 1974.

Later, she married Eldon Aldred, a retired college professor in Albion, who died in 1989.

Through her long life, Mrs. Aldred had been a member of many clubs, groups and church choirs. At the time of her death, she was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church of Albion, Indiana University Alumni Association, Royal Neighbors of America Lodge, choral group The Singing Saints, and the Amanda Reid Chapel Choir of Wesley Manor. She has also been a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Ronald and Linda Steenerson of Atlanta, Ga.; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Daniel and Donald Aldred of Fort Wayne and George and Wanda Aldred of Shoals; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen Sue and Justice Roger DeBruler and Ellen Amber and Larry Tovsky, all of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren, 12 stepgreat-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, Hazel Huppert, her stepfather, Frank Lowry, a stepsister, Hazel Robinson, four stepbrothers, Merl, Charles, Cecil and Donald Lowry, a stepdaughter, Phyllis Schaffer, and nieces and nephews.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Amanda Reid Memorial Chapel at Wesley Manor, Frankfort. Burial will in Roseland Cemetery, Francesville. Calling will be after 5 p.m. Thursday at Frye and Genda Funeral Home, Frankfort.

Velma Gallup

SPRING CITY, Tenn. — Velma D. Gallup, 91, of Spring City and formerly of Wolcottville, Ind., died Sunday, March 21, 2004, at Spring City Care Center in Spring City.

Mrs. Gallup was a retired school teacher. She was a charter member of AARP and a member of First Baptist Church in Spring City. She was a former teacher of the Gleaners Sunday school class and a longtime member of the WMU.

She was born in Wolcottville to Harve and Elgie (Fields) Grossman. Her husband, Elmer E. Gallup, died June 26, 1994.

Nieces, nephews and cousins survive.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Woodruff Cemetery with the Rev. Michael McKinney of Rome City United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church in Spring City.

Ronald Beeber

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Ronald A. Beeber, 62, died March 17, 2004, at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, Ill.

Mr. Beeber had been employed by Semler Industries of Franklin Park, Ill., since 1975. He was a very active member of St. Edna Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, Ill., for 30 years.

He was born July 15, 1941, in Garrett to Arthur and Bertha Beeber. They preceded him in death.

He married Judith "Judy" Tooman on July 29, 1961, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Gregory Schneider of Crystal Lake, Ill.; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Deborah Beeber of Arlington Heights, Ill.; six grandchildren, Daniel, Audrey, Michael, Austin, Travis and Cody; and a brother and sister-in-law, Aaron J. and Joyce Beeber of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Rebecca Habig.

Services were Saturday at St. Edna Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, Ill. Interment was at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine, Ill.

Memorials are to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607, or the Capital Fund of St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Condolences may be posted at www.dailyherald.com/obits.

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DeWitt Cochard

AUBURN — DeWitt L. "Dewey" Cochard, 83, of Auburn died Monday, March 22, 2004, at home.

Mr. Cochard

Mr. Cochard had lived in the Kendallville area since 1938. He was a 1938 graduate of Kendallville High School and attended Ball State University where he was president of his junior class.

He joined the Navy on Dec. 8, 1941, and served until Oct. 24, 1945. He had combat duty in the South Pacific aboard a PT boat as quarter master first class.

Mr. Cochard graduated from Indiana University in 1947 with a bachelor of science degree in business.

He worked briefly for a car dealer in Garrett, for three years at McCray Refrigeration Co. in Kendallville, 21 years for Hubbard Spool Co. in Garrett as controller and 10 years at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville as purchasing manager, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Cochard was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville, VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 86, the Elks Club, Masonic Lodge and MENSA International. He was a former member of Mizpah Shrine and rode with the Pedal-Pushers parade unit. He was active in civic affairs including serving 10 years as center manager for Junior Achievement and on the Traffic Commission. He was an avid golfer.

He was born April 26, 1920, in Seneca County, Fostoria, Ohio, to Charles Roscoe and Gertrude Hazel (Linhart) Cochard. On Oct. 12, 1947, at the First Methodist Church in Kendallville he married Jean Stiver. She died July 4, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Lee and Kathy Cochard of Auburn, Dr. Larry and Susan Cochard of Evanston, Ill., and Lynn and Kim Cochard of Kendallville; two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and Dan Burtnette of Fort Wayne and Kathy Cochard of Bloomington; three brothers, Rex Cochard of Fort Wayne, C.C. Cochard of Scottsdale, Ariz., and George Cochard of Bloomington; and six grandchildren, Jeff Cochard, Jane Cochard and her partner, Geoff Davis, Janelle Cochard and Joey and Jacqueline Burtnette, all of Fort Wayne, and Kelly Stephens of Kendallville.

Also preceding him in death were his parents; a granddaughter, Judith Ann Cochard, in 1984; two brothers, Willis Cochard and Robert Cochard; and a sister, Donna Barker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Robert Farmer of First Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery with military graveside services by the Kendallville VFW Post.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County Inc., 2925 E. State Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Beatrice Deitrick

HOLGATE, Ohio — Beatrice C. Deitrick, 94, of Holgate died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Defiance Regional Medical Center.

Mrs. Deitrick was a homemaker and a bookkeeper for Bob Westrick Plumbing and Heating of Holgate for 32 years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Bavaria and had been a CLC president and treasurer. She was a member of the Rosary Altar Society and the Henry County Farm Bureau.

She was born Feb. 15, 1910, in Holgate to Mathias and Elizabeth (Laubenthal) Dietrick. In June 1934, she married Cletus "Red" Deitrick. He died in January 1960.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gerald and Marlene Deitrick of Livingston, Texas, and Robert and Rita Deitrick of Defiance; a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Peter Bottomley of Kendallville, Ind.; a brother, Matt Dietrick of DeForest, Wis.; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Edith Liska and Helen Dietrick; and a brother, Rufus Dietrick.

Services will be at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in New Bavaria with Father Stephen Stanbery officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at Snyder Funeral Home in Holgate with a rosary at 8:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the church or the donor's choice.

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Margie Shepherd

KENDALLVILLE — Margie G. Shepherd, 68, of Kendallville died Monday, March 22, 2004, at her son's home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Shepherd had lived in Hueysville, Ky., for the past 23 years and prior to that resided in Kendallville.

She had worked at several factories in Kendallville, including Flint & Walling, Taylor-Made and Universal Friction. She loved making quilts.

Mrs. Shepherd was born Sept. 28, 1935, in Bradshaw, W.Va., to John and Sithia (Justice) Taylor. Her first husband, Charles L. Anglin, died April 13, 1976. She then married Mitchell Shepherd on Sept. 21, 1974, in Rome City. He survives in Hueysville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles F. and Karen Anglin of Cromwell and Randy and Jody Anglin of Kendallville; two brothers, Bill Taylor and Buddy Taylor; and five grandchildren, Tonya Scheff of Albion, Lucas Anglin of Cromwell, Matthew Anglin of Albion, Crystal Weber of Kendallville and Randi Anglin of Avilla.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Acie Taylor; and two sisters, Rose McDowell and Adie Hagerman.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Jo Seitz

PLEASANT LAKE — Mary Jo Seitz, 75, of rural Pleasant Lake, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at 10 p.m. at Northern Lakes & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Seitz retired in 1992 after 18 years of service as the switchboard operator at Tri-State University.

She was a member of Salem Center Presbyterian Church, the Steuben County Women's Club and the Angola Legion Auxiliary. She was a Sweet Adeline for 10 years in Coldwater, Mich., and El Paso, Texas, and was a Girl Scout leader in El Paso. She was a ham radio operator with call letters KB9ICD.

She was born in Chicago on May 23, 1928, to George and Ruby (Johnson) Brown. They preceded her in death.

She married Clarence A. Seitz on Dec. 18, 1949, in Miller, Ind., and he survives.

Also surviving is a son, D. Randy, of Indianapolis.

A brother and a sister preceded her in death.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Howard Compton will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Kathryn Kruse

ELKHART — Kathryn F. Kruse, 92, of Shipshewana died at 10:20 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 2004, at East Lake Nursing Home in Elkhart.

Mrs. Kruse moved to LaGrange County in 1974 from Fort Wayne. She had been employed as a clerk at Lincoln Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

She was born Sept. 24, 1911, in Yugoslavia to Andrew and Frances (Yasich) Zenar. On Jan. 22, 1938, in Fort Wayne, she married Robert H. Kruse. He died Oct. 21, 1979.

Surviving are two brothers, Andrew Zenar of Akron, Ohio, and Paul Zenar of Atwater, Ohio.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Robert R. Kruse, on Dec. 9, 1985; and two brothers.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Grace Tipton

COLUMBIA CITY – Grace C. Tipton, 93, a former resident of Albion, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center, Columbia City, where she had been a resident since February 1999.

She was born October 9, 1910, in Whitley County, a daughter of William and Ella Caroline (Zumburn) Brumbaugh. Her formative years were spent in the Albion area, and she graduated from Albion High School.

In 1929, she was united in marriage to Glenn Kreider. In 1942, they moved to their home south of Albion on 200 West. Mr. Kreider died June 29, 1950.

In 1958, she was united in marriage to Edward C. Tipton. The always made their home in Albion. Mr. Tipton died October 2, 2002.

She was a nurse's aide at Linvill Hospital for 10 years and was employed at Montgomery Ward for a year.

A member of Blue River Church of the Brethren, she is survived by three sons, David Leon (Pat) Kreider of Columbia City, Rolland Lynn (Betty) Kreider of Milford and Don Allen (Marilee) Kreider of Columbia City; two daughters, Marilyn Swinehart of Fort Wayne and Carol (Wayne) Edwards of Albion; two step-sons, John H. (Gwen) Tipton of Kendallville and Edward D. (Kathy) Tipton of Churubusco; a step-daughter, Lois Jean Kelly of Kendallville: 31 grandchildren; 64 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren; and a sister, Ruth Brumbaugh of North Manchester.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Dwayne Dale Kreider; two brothers, Melvin Brumbaugh and Gerald Brumbaugh; and two sisters, Lilah Veazey and Hallie McCoy; two grandchildren, Martha and Mark Winebrenner; and a grand-grandchild, Cora Meinika.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 26, 2004, at Blue River Church of the Brethren, 3040 East 700 North, Columbia City with Pastor Craig A. Myers, church pastor, officiating. The burial will be in Christian chapel Cemetery, Merriam. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City and one hour before the service at the church on Friday.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Blue River Church of the Brethren Missions or Camp Alexander Mack.

Susan Detwiler

KENDALLVILLE — Susan Jean Gray Detwiler, 48, of Kendallville died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Detwiler was a lifetime area resident and had been employed in inventory control at Parker-Hannifin in Albion since 1984.

She was a 1974 graduate of Churubusco High School. She enjoyed gardening, sewing, canning and searching for antiques at garage sales and auctions.

Mrs. Detwiler was born August 19, 1955, in Wolf Lake to Paul and Betty (Lowe) Gray. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Churubusco. On November 14, 1987, at Cornerstone Wesleyan Church in Merriam, she married Ralph Detwiler. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Tara Gallo and Jamie Gallo, both of Albion; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Hector and Delisha Gallo of Auburn and Jose Gallo of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Florence Gray of Churubusco; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Bill Orr of Columbia City and Beth and James Franklin of Churubusco; and four grandchildren, Gavin Gallo, Kailey Eminger, Ayden Gallo and Trace Gallo.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 26, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Aaron Peer and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Marcile Schenk

HUNTERTOWN – Marcile Whonsetler Schenk, 83, a resident of Huntertown, died at 12:25 a.m. Monday, March 22, 2004, in Parkview Hospital following an extended illness. She had been in declining health since last summer and had been hospitalized for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Schenk was born January 27, 1921, in Swan Twp. Noble County, the daughter of Everett R. and Eva (Ridenour) Troyer. She graduated from Avilla High School in 1939 and attended Marion College. She married Robert C. Whonsetler on July 31, 1948, and moved to her present farm home in 1954. Mr. Whonsetler died December 3, 1987. She later married Homer D. Schenk on November 26, 1994. He died December 22, 1997. Mrs. Schenk was a homemaker and had worked at the General Electric Com-pany for nine years as a young woman. She was a member of the LaOtto Wes-leyan Church for 73 years, its Women's Missionary Society, and the Perry Township Home Extension Club.

Surviving are two sons, Gary W. Whonsetler of Huntertown and Dale (wife Connie) Whonsetler of Marion; one daughter, Wanda Christner (husband Garry) of Peru, Ind.; two step-daughters, Barbara Brown (husband Kenneth) of Wylie, Texas and Irma Penssinger (husband Jim) of Fort Wayne; two step-sons, Wyman Schenk (wife Carol) of Fort Wayne and Roger L. (wife Sara) Schenk of Indianlantic, Fla; one step-daughter-in-law, Donna Schenk of Fort Wayne; one sister, Lois Andros Hager of Hemett, Calif. and seven grandchildren.

In addition to her husbands, she was preceded in death by her parents and seven brothers, Keith, Darrell, Darwin, Otho, Allen, Richard and Arthur L. "Taters" Troyer.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 31, in the LaOtto Wesleyan Church with Pastors Lois and James Watkins, officiating. The family will receive friends at Sheets & Childs Funeral home in Churubusco on Tuesday, March 30, from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m. or at the church one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in the Huntertown Cemetery.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church Parking Lot Fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds. com.

Steven Houser

FORT WAYNE – Steven D. Houser, 44, died Monday, March 15, 2004, at home in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was an engineer with Zollner Corporation.

Survivors include his son, Brad Houser of Fort Wayne; wife, Tina Houser of Fort Wayne; sisters, Linda Trzynka of Iron River, WI, and Nancy Dustman of Fort Wayne; and brother, James Houser of Albion.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one sister, Carol Harpel.

Services were held Friday, March 19, 2004, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

For those who wish, memorials are to S.P.C.A.

Virginia Frick

WAWAKA – Virginia M. Frick, 84, of Wawaka died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Frick was a 1937 graduate of Rome City High School and a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren where she was a deaconess for many years. She was a past secretary-treasurer of the Women's Fellowship and a member of the District Women's Cabinet.

She was a homemaker and dedicated to the Right to Life organization.

Mrs. Frick was born January 12, 1920, in Brimfield to Walter and Ruby (Schott) Savoie. On December 31, 1938, in Auburn, she married Harold H. Frick. The couple celebrated their 65 wedding anniversary on December 31, 2003. Mr. Frick survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ford and Brenda Frick of Albion and Harlan and Linda Frick of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sharon and Bill Snyder of Plymouth and Carolyn and Marvin Heller of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Ferne Savoie of Kendallville; a sister, Rosemary Squire of Brimfield; five grandsons, Ford Frick Jr. and his wife, Holly, of Avilla, Christopher Frick of Indianapolis, Joel Frick and his wife, Susie, of Lafayette, Dr. Bill Snyder and his wife, Kim, of Knoxville, TN, and Kirk Snyder and his wife, Deb, of Brownsburg; three granddaughters, Rhonda Baker and her husband, Greg, of Indianapolis, Julie Reid and her husband, John, of Maryville, TN, Michelle Hale and her husband, Jon, of Fort Wayne; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Francis Savoie Bowman.

Services were held Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger and the Rev. Paul McBride officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Memorials are to the Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideons International.

William Mueller

COLORADO SPRINGS, CO – William Eugene "Bill" Mueller, 75, of Colorado Springs died Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

Mr. Mueller was born March 19, 1928, in Kendallville, to Robert W. and Ruth Christine (Waller) Mueller. On August 26, 1982, he married Jo Ann Franks. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Linda, Mark, Kim and Dana; two brothers, Jim Mueller of Avilla, and Jerry Mueller of LaOtto; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Joe Mueller; and a sister, Marcia Bruce.

Memorial services were held Friday, March 12, 2004, at the Greater Christ Temple Apostolic Church in Colorado Springs.

Max Rice

AVILLA – Max L. Rice, 86, died Saturday, March 20. 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital Critical Care Unit, Kendallville, where he had been a patient since Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

He was born in Noble County on March 9, 1918, to Roy and Lola Scarlet Rice.

He worked for the Maintenance Division for INDOT - Indiana State Highway for 25 years, retiring in 1985. He was also a farmer for several years. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, was active for several years in the Noble County Saddle Club, and an avid reader of author Louis Lamdur.

On February 21, 1942, he married Pauline P. Imler in Avilla. She died on December 16, 2003.

Mr. Rice is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Oran Winebrenner of Huntertown; a son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Julia Rice of Garrett; three grandchildren, Jeff and Jason Winebrenner and Lisa Rice; two great-grandchildren, Haley Winebrenner and Maelee Kimmel; and a sister, MariLou Stiffney of Goshen.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Rice.

Services were held Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Sam Kessler officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

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Chester Bolinger

WHITE PIGEON, MI — Chester G. "Chet" Bolinger, 78, of White Pigeon, MI, and formerly of South Milford, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, MI.

Mr. Bolinger had owned and operated Chet's Mobil Service Station for nine years in South Milford. He had served on the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years. He had moved to White Pigeon about 12 years ago.

He retired from A-1 Production in 1987.

Mr. Bolinger enjoyed fishing and was on a bowling team with his wife and son, Ralph. He was awarded the Willard Pollard Memorial Award in 1985 for sportsmanship and dedication.

He was born May 31, 1925, in Pleasant Lake, the son of Clyde and Lena (Freed) Bolinger. On December 28, 1942, in Hudson, he married Doris Willits. She survives in White Pigeon.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Ralph and Lou Ann Bolinger of Sturgis, MI, Paul Bolinger of Angola, John and Sandra Bolinger of Wawaka, Norman and Patricia Bolinger of Topeka, and Charles Bolinger of Greenville, KY; a daughter, Patricia and Gary Wooten of Rome City; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Roger and David Bolinger, died in 1971, and two sisters and one brother also preceded him in death.

Services were held Sunday, March 21, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Ron Porter officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the family.

Byron Graves

KENDALLVILLE – Byron Elwood Graves, 87, died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where he had been a resident for the past two weeks. He had been in declining health since mid-December of 2003.

He was born on April 25, 1916, to Thad and Edith M. (Bouhey) Graves in Allen Township.

A lifetime resident of the Kendallville area, Mr. Graves was a farmer since he was 11 years old, a member of the Noble County Farm Bureau, and was involved with the Sweet Church Restoration Project. His hobbies included farming, gardening, fishing and traveling.

On April 16, 1938, he was married to Virginia Weimer. She died on September 9, 1978. On January 12, 1980, he married June (Harvey) Simon. She passed away on October 25, 2002.

He is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Donna and James Frey of Kendallville; one stepdaughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Kevin VanGessel of Kendallville; three stepsons and daughters-in-law, Steven C. and Debra Simon of Wawaka, Richard and Ann Simon of Kendallville and Paul Simon of Kendallville; three grandchildren; 13 step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Jeanette Stringfellow of Kendallville.

In addition to his wives and parents, he was also preceded in death by his stepfather, Neal Huffman; and brother Dean Graves.

Services were held Tuesday, March 23, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Father Jacob Gall, officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials are to Noble County Cancer Society.

Marjorie Donley

STURGIS, Mich. — Marjorie Lou Donley, 73, of Sturgis died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital.

Mrs. Donley had lived in the Sturgis and Mongo, Ind., area her entire life. She was a homemaker and had worked at Kirsch Co.

Mrs. Donley

She attended Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church in Howe, Ind. She graduated in 1949 from Sturgis High School and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Jack Johnston Chapter No. 88 Auxiliary. She and her best friend, Emma Pagels, attended meetings of the Joy Club and the Super 60s.

Mrs. Donley loved her cats, dogs and chickens and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Jan. 20, 1931, at the family farm in Findley, Mich., to Frank and Edith (Yunker) Pagels. On Aug. 6, 1953, she married Richard Donley in Valentine, Ind. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pat and Mike Melchi of Jackson, Wyo.; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Jr. and Traci Donley of Sturgis; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Norman and Emma Pagels of Sturgis and Edward and Marilyn Pagels of Vicksburg, Mich.; five grandchildren, Meredeth Odette and Joshua Odette, both of Jackson, Wyo., Christina Donley of Burr Oak, and Daniel and Amanda Donley, both of Sturgis; and two great-grandchildren, Mercedes and Mykaela Odette; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home in Sturgis with the Rev. Dewey Miller of Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Sturgis.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Lucille Gienger

RAEFORD, N.C. — Lucille M. Gienger, 89, of Raeford and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Moore Regional Hospital in Pinecrest.

Mrs. Gienger was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

She was born Feb. 15, 1915, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, Ind., to William and Freda (Pankop) Lasho. On Dec. 30, 1934, in Avilla, Ind., she married Edwin C. Gienger. He died March 1989.

Surviving is a daughter, Christine Gienger of Fayetteville.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Eva Hammel

KENDALLVILLE — Eva Hammel, 93, of Kendallville died at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

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Olive Sanders

TERRE HAUTE — Olive Mae Sanders, 81, of Terre Haute died at 9:40 p.m. Tuesday, March 23, 2004, in Union Hospital.

Mrs. Sanders retired from Indiana Bell Telephone Co. At the beginning of her 30-year career as a telephone operator, she worked briefly in Vincennes, French Lick, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas and Champaign, Ill. In later years, she worked in Terre Haute, Newburgh and Indianapolis.

She was a faithful member of St. Patrick's and later St. Benedict's Catholic churches. During her retirement years, she loved being with her children and grandchildren and was active in and enjoyed bowling, playing bridge with friends, playing golf in ladies nine-hole golf leagues and attending ladies day functions at the Elks and Sycamore clubs.

She was born June 24, 1922, in Point Marion, Pa., to Lydia Birton and Ernest Gouverneur. On Dec. 29, 1944, she married William R. Sanders. He survives

Also surviving are six children, Mary E. Cahill and her husband, Patrick Cahill, of Terre Haute; W. Robert Sanders of St. Louis; Kathryn Sydney Joyner of Portland, Ore., Margaret J. Fischer and her husband, Ford Fischer of Valley, Neb., Judith A. Corley and her husband, Thomas Corley of Southlake, Texas; and Brenda M. Rummel and her husband, Dean Rummel of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Brian, Katie and Michael Cahill, Kirsten and Summer Sanders, Aaron, Michael and Andrew Fischer and Thomas and William Corley; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary F. Steininger and her husband, Harry; a sister-in-law, Patsy Gouverneur of Vincennes; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Carl, of Vincennes.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Benedict's Catholic Church.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday in Callahan Funeral Home, 2425 Wabash Ave., and 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Benedict's.

Memorials are to the St. Benedict's Church Restoration Program, 111 S. Ninth St., Terre Haute, IN 47807.

ADVANCED LEADER Ligonier, Indiana
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'Leti's Tacos' owner mourned by friends, family

BY BOB BUTTGEN

LIGONIER — Dalia "Leti" Peña was remembered as more than just a successful business owner when hundreds of people gathered for her funeral and visitation services this week at Ligonier's Trinity Assembly of God Church.

Peña, 43, died on Thursday, March 18 in an auto accident in Cromwell.

Her death shocked the community, as Leti was known for having a kind heart, running a great restaurant and most importantly, for being a loving sister, daughter and family member.

She was the owner and operator of Leti's Tacos, a popular restaurant in downtown Ligonier. The food and friendly atmosphere at her eatery attracted customers of all races and backgrounds, and the majority of her customers were longtime regulars.

But beyond her role as a business owner and server of great food, Peña was an integral part of a large family left devastated by her death.

"She was like the glue that kept our family together," said Margarita White, one of Peña's many nieces. "She just gave her heart to everybody and didn't ask for anything in return."

Celia Peña, another of Peña's nieces, also spoke fondly of her aunt. "The back door of Leti's was always open for anyone who needed something," she said. "She was always offering advice or counseling to people. If anyone needed anything, they could count on Leti to help out."

Bob Buttgen

Flowers were placed in front of Leti's Tacos on S. Cavin St., following the tragic death of the restaurant's owner last week.

Peña was one of 10 children of her parents, David and Ceclia Peña of Ligonier. She had three brothers and six sisters along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Her family immigrated to Ligonier from Mexico when Peña was a youngster and she finished her education at West Noble schools.

Peña and Leti's Tacos were major supporters of community causes such as church auctions and charity drives, and one of her favorite things to help with was youth sports teams, as organizers knew she could always be counted on to sponsor a soccer, basketball or baseball team.

The fatal accident occurred while Peña was doing a favor for a friend: taking her home when she needed a ride. She had stopped at a stop sign coming out of the Shady Acres Mobile Home Park near Cromwell and apparently failed to see an oncoming pick-up truck, driven by Joseph Harper, 20, of Cromwell. Police believe Peña may have been talking on her cell phone when the crash took place.

Police said neither alcohol nor speeding were factors in the accident.

Leti's Tacos will be closed for an indefinite amount of time, according to a sign placed on the business's front window, informing people of Peña's passing.

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Chester Bolinger

WHITE PIGEON, Mich. — Chester G. "Chet" Bolinger, 78, of White Pigeon, Mich., and formerly of South Milford, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Mr. Bolinger had owned and operated Chet's Mobil Service Station for nine years in South Milford. He had served on the South Milford Volunteer Fire Department for 30 years. He had moved to White Pigeon about 12 years ago.

He retired from A-1 Production in 1987.

Mr. Bolinger enjoyed fishing and was on a bowling team with his wife and son, Ralph. He was awarded the Willard Pollard Memorial Award in 1985 for sportsmanship and dedication.

He was born May 31, 1925, in Pleasant Lake, the son of Clyde and Lena (Freed) Bolinger. On Dec. 28, 1942, in Hudson, he married Doris Willits. She survives in White Pigeon.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Ralph and Lou Ann Bolinger of Sturgis, Mich., Paul Bolinger of Angola, John and Sandra Bolinger of Wawaka, Norman and Patricia Bolinger of Topeka, and Charles Bolinger of Greenville, Ky.; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Sanda Bolinger, of Wawaka; a daughter, Patricia and Gary Wooten of Rome City; 20 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

Two sons, Roger and David Bolinger, died in 1971, and two sisters and one brother also preceded him in death.

Services were Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Ron Porter officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Margie Shepherd

KENDALLVILLE — Margie G. Shepherd, 68, of Kendallville died Monday, March 22, 2004, at her son's home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Shepherd had lived in Hueysville, Ky., for the past 23 years and prior to that resided in Kendallville.

She had worked at several factories in Kendallville, including Flint & Walling, Taylor-Made and Universal Friction. She loved making quilts.

Mrs. Shepherd was born Sept. 28, 1935, in Bradshaw, W.Va., to John and Sithia (Justice) Taylor. Her first husband, Charles L. Anglin, died April 13, 1976. She then married Mitchell Shepherd on Sept. 21, 1974, in Rome City. He survives in Hueysville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles F. and Karen Anglin of Cromwell and Randy and Jody Anglin of Kendallville; two brothers, Bill Taylor and Buddy Taylor; and five grandchildren, Tonya Scheff of Albion, Lucas Anglin of Cromwell, Matthew Anglin of Albion, Crystal Weber of Kendallville and Randi Anglin of Avilla.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Acie Taylor; and two sisters, Rose McDowell and Adie Hagerman.

Services will be at 1 p.m., today, Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dalia 'Leti' Peña

LIGONIER — Dalia A. "Leti" Peña, 43, of Ligonier, died Thursday, March 18, 2004, in an automobile accident.

Ms. Peña

She had lived in Ligonier since 1976 and owned and operated Leti's Taco in downtown Ligonier since 1987.

She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God, and an advocate for the Hispanic community. She was a sponsor of youth athletic teams at the Ligonier Sports and Recreation Center, and she was known for giving her time and love to her family and friends.

On June 10, 1960, she was born in Matadors, Mexico, to Domingo and Celia M. (Martinez) Peña Sr.

Surviving are her father in Ligonier; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Daniel and Milca Peña, David D. and Margarita Peña and Domingo Jr. and Shelly Peña, all of Ligonier; six sisters and five brothers-in-law, Dora A. and David Ybarra of Weslaco, Texas, and Delia J. and Ezequiel Cervantes, Dorfelinda V. and Jose Vargas, Dara C. and Juan Estrada, Dina Rose Peña, and D. Dolores and Greg Pfenning, all of Ligonier.

Her mother preceded her in death.

Services were Tuesday at Trinity Assembly of God Church, Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Preferred memorials are to the Extreme Youth Ministries Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 W. Union St., Ligonier, IN 46767.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, was in charge of arrangements.

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George Baker

LIGONIER — George A. Baker, 83, of Ligonier died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Baker had moved to Ligonier in 1966 from Berwind, W.Va. He retired in 1988 from maintenance at Monsanto in Ligonier.

Mr. Baker

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran and had participated in the Sicily, Salerno and Anzio invasions. He received the Purple Heart.

Mr. Baker enjoyed woodworking and spending time with his family.

He was born April 1, 1920, in Berwind to George and Mary Belle (Taylor) Baker. On Dec. 21, 1945, in Berwind, he married Alice Marie Webb. She died in 1988.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Bradley and Patty Baker of Norwalk, Ohio, George and Betty Baker of Syracuse, Gregory and Kristina Baker of Ligonier and David DePew of LaGrange; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Mindy and Bill Lang of Cromwell, Frances Baker of Ligonier, Kathy and Archie Ball of Ligonier, and Alexis and Richard Welch of Jessup, Md.; five brothers, Lawrence Baker of Hammond, Don Baker and Fred Baker, both of Mineral, Va., Wayne Baker of Marion, Va., and Clarence Baker of Alexander, Va.; three sisters, Pearl Wade of Mineral, Va., Mary Belle Moser of Marion, Va., and Bessie Sheets of Richmond, Va.; 21 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by four brothers, two sisters and two grandchildren, Michael Lang and Christopher Ball.

Services were Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Dave Kushman officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospice & Home Health Care.

Donald Myers

HOWE — Donald R. "Buck" Myers, 70, of Howe died Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Myers had moved to Howe from Butler in 1996. He had retired as a material handler at Bohn Aluminum in Butler and was a partner in DBR Trucking in Butler.

He was a Korean War veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and a member of Butler American Legion Post 202 and Butler Eagles Lodge 2733.

Mr. Myers was born Nov. 13, 1933, in Continental, Ohio, to Daniel M. and Viola M. (Waltz) Myers. On Feb. 29, 2004, he married Shirley A. Blair. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters, Judy Cotterman of Indianapolis, Cathy Charlton of Auburn and Shelly Myers of Hamilton; four sons, Roger Myers and Robert Myers, both of Butler, Donald Myers of Cromwell and Dennis Myers of Hamilton; two stepdaughters, Candy Wallick of Howe and Kimberly Speicher of LaGrange; a stepson, Rodney Blair of Howe; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister.

Services were held at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial was in Brighton Cemetery in Howe with military graveside services by Butler American Legion Post 202.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society

ADVANCED LEADER Ligonier, Indiana
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Virginia Frick

WAWAKA — Virginia M. Frick, 84, of Wawaka died Saturday, March 20, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Frick

Mrs. Frick was a 1937 graduate of Rome City High School and a member of Wawaka Church of the Brethren where she was a deaconess for many years. She was a past secretary-treasurer of the Women's Fellowship and a member of the District Women's Cabinet.

She was a homemaker and dedicated to the Right to Life organization.

Mrs. Frick was born Jan. 12, 1920, in Brimfield to Walter and Ruby (Schott) Savoie. On Dec. 31, 1938, in Auburn, she married Harold H. Frick. The couple celebrated their 65 wedding anniversary on Dec. 31, 2003. Mr. Frick survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ford and Brenda Frick of Albion and Harlan and Linda Frick of Fort Wayne; two daughters, Sharon and Bill Snyder of Plymouth and Carolyn and Marvin Heller of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Bernard and Ferne Savoie of Kendallville; a sister, Rosemary Squire of Brimfield; five grandsons, Ford Frick Jr. and his wife, Holly, of Avilla, Christopher Frick of Indianapolis, Joel Frick and his wife, Susie, of Lafayette, Dr. Bill Snyder and his wife, Kim, of Knoxville, Tenn., and Kirk Snyder and his wife, Deb, of Brownsburg; three granddaughters, Rhonda Baker and her husband, Greg, of Indianapolis, Julie Reid and her husband, John, of Maryville, Tenn., Michelle Hale and her husband, Jon, of Fort Wayne; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Francis Savoie Bowman.

Services were Wednesday at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger and the Rev. Paul McBride officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Memorials are to the Wawaka Church of the Brethren or Gideons International.

Condolences may be sent online to http://www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Lee Thomas

AUBURN — Lee A. Thomas, 58, of rural Auburn died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at 11:45 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Thomas lived in the Garrett area for 35 years. He worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, the Garrett Masonic Lodge and AIW Local. He belonged to the Albright United Methodist Church in Mishawaka.

He was born June 27, 1945, in Mishawaka to Wilbur R. and Thelma (Snyder) Thomas.

He married Dianne L. Lash on Aug. 9, 1969, in Garrett.

She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Christina and Curtis Smith of Garrett and Karen and Ben Myers of Avilla; a son, Ben Thomas of Muncie; a granddaughter, Lily Myers of Avilla; a grandson, Jacob Myers of Avilla; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gregg and Sharon Thomas of Mishawaka and Wade and Linda Thomas of Denver; his father-in-law, James E. Lash of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Lucille Lash.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Gordon L. Samra will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with a military graveside service by American Legion Post 178.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

I. Eva Hammel

KENDALLVILLE — I. Eva Hammel, 93, of Kendallville died at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had resided the past three years.

Mrs. Hammel

Mrs. Hammel was a lifetime Kendallville resident and had been a homemaker. She had resided at the Lamplighter for 27 years.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Mrs. Hammel was also a member of the Senior Citizens Club, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Second Time Around Club. She love to paint and to fish.

She was born Nov. 1, 1910, in Kendallville the daughter of George W. and Mary M. (Eley) Conklin. On March 31, 1927, in Albion she married Arnold Martin Hammel. He died Feb. 19, 1974.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Pat Hammel of Kendallville, Larry and Sharon Hammel of Kendallville, and Jack and Pat Hammel of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Keith Leiter of Fort Wayne and Sharon and Larry Beverly of Wawaka; a sister, Dorothy Miller of Kendallville; 19 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ray Conklin, Everett Conklin and Charley Conklin.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Shepherd of the Hill.

Doris Koontz

CHURUBUSCO — Doris J. Koontz, 84, of Churubusco and formerly of Fort Wayne died at 2:50 a.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, at her daughter's home.

Mrs. Koontz had lived in Fort Wayne until moving in with her daughter in Smith Township.

She was born in Lafayette the daughter of Randolph and Nora (Powers) Hart. On Aug. 31, 1940, in Fort Wayne she married John H. Koontz. He died in 1974.

Surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Steven and Linda Koontz, Ronald and Pamela Koontz, Dean and Tammy Koontz and Larry Koontz, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Joy and Robert Wiard of Churubusco; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Paul Schlie of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home with Pastor Sidney Bennett officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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Services Held

ALBION — Services for **Byron E. Graves** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Father Jacob Gall officiating.

Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, Albion.

Pallbearers were James Frey Jr., Christopher McPherson, Trenton Simon, Todd Van Gessel, Steve Simon, Russell Simon and David Simon.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Margie Shepherd** were held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Charles Anglin, Randy Anglin, Lucas Anglin, Matthew Anglin, Brad Wolfe and Tyler Gross.

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Former congressman dies at 83

Former U.S. Rep. J. Edward Roush, D-4th, left, confers with former Indiana Secretary of State Larry Conrad and U.S. Sen. Vance Hartke, D-Ind., in Albion at a Democratic fish fry in this News-Sun file photo from November 1974. Roush died Friday at the age of 83.

J. Edward Roush represented area for 16 years

HUNTINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Former U.S. Rep. J. Edward Roush, a Democrat who represented northeast Indiana in Congress for 16 years before he was beaten by Dan Quayle in 1976, died Friday at a Huntington nursing home. He was 83.

Roush had suffered from Alzheimer's disease in recent years, said state Rep. Win Moses, D-Fort Wayne.

Roush

"He was just a true public servant even when he wasn't in office, and particularly when he was," said Moses, a former Democratic mayor of nearby Fort Wayne. "He took it very seriously and paid attention to everybody."

Roush, a 1942 Huntington College graduate, served six years in the Army, then entered the Indiana University School of Law and was elected to the Indiana legislature during his final year of law school. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War and served as a special agent in counterintelligence.

AREA DEMOCRAT REMEMBERS ROUSH
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Roush established a private law practice after the war and was elected Huntington County prosecutor before going to Washington in 1958. In 1974, he was a member of the House Judiciary Committee that voted to impeach President Nixon.

After losing to Quayle, who later became senator and then vice president, Roush was appointed by President Carter to head the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Regional and Intergovernmental Operations. Roush returned to private law practice in Huntington in 1979.

Dennis Tropp, Democratic chairman in what is now Indiana's 3rd District, said he and other Young Democrats joined Roush on a 27-mile walk across LaGrange County during a campaign in the early 1970s. He said they camped in a supporter's yard one night, and Roush declined an invitation to sleep inside.

"He wanted to sleep outside with us," Tropp said. "He was just truly a gentleman."

Throughout his career, Roush remained an active member of the Huntington College board of trustees and was its chairman for six years.

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Roush remembered as a 'great humanitarian'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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HUDSON — On April 3, the annual award for an outstanding Democratic leader for Indiana's 3rd Congressional District will be given.

That award is the J. Edward Roush Award, so named, said 3rd District secretary Virginia Kennedy, because Roush was "a great humanitarian, a great leader and a great Democrat."

Kennedy said the award is given each year to someone who embodies those same characteristics.

Former U.S. Rep. J. Edward Roush, 83, died Friday in Huntington at the nursing home where he resided. Roush was a Democrat who represented northeast Indiana in Congress for 16 years before he was beaten by Dan Quayle in 1976.

Kennedy had met Roush, and said it was a pleasure to have done so.

"He was a wonderful man, and he'll be sorely missed," she said.

Kennedy said politicians like Roush, who often visited the communities and people he represented, are a rarity these days.

"It's been a long time since we've had one as good as he was," she said wistfully.

Kennedy said she and other members of the district had hoped that Roush himself would be able to present the award named for him this year. But Roush, who had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease, could not commit.

"We really wanted him to come do it," she said. "But his health was not good. I was disappointed, and I was very sad to hear he had passed."

This year's J. Edward Roush Award winner is John Morgan, former executive director of the Allen County Democratic Party.

Gladys Hurst

KENDALLVILLE — Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, for Gladys Hurst.

Mrs. Hurst died at her Kendallville home on Friday, March 26, 2004.

Patricia "Trish" Rizzo

AVILLA — Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, for Patricia Ann "Trish" Hurst, 55.

Mrs. Hurst died at her home in rural Avilla on Thursday, March 25, 2004. She had been in failing health since December of 2003.

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Charles 'Bud' Meeks Laid To Rest

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Pallbearers carry the flag-draped casket of Sen. Charles "Bud" Meeks from The Chapel after a funeral service Friday.

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Meeks led ‘a life well-lived’: governor

BILL GISEL

A member of the Fort Wayne Fire Department plays “Taps” for Sen. Charles “Bud” Meeks Friday in the veterans’ section of Covington Gardens.

BY BILL GISEL
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FORT WAYNE — The family of state Sen. Charles “Bud” Meeks is “overwhelmed and grateful” for the outpouring of support following his death and at his funeral Friday, said his son, Brian.

A funeral procession from The Chapel on West Hamilton Road — led by a Fort Wayne fire truck and dozens of police and sheriff’s cars — stretched for more than a mile as the hearse carrying the popular former Allen County sheriff made its way to Covington Memorial Gardens.

Sen. Meeks represented Senate District 14, which includes most of DeKalb County and eastern portions of Steuben and Allen counties.

Speakers offering remembrances during the service included Indiana Gov. Joe Kernan, Sen. Robert Garton, president pro tempore of the Indiana Senate, Salt Lake County (Utah) Sheriff Aaron Kennard, Allen County Sheriff Jim Herman, and the late senator’s older brother, Sen. Robert Meeks, R-LaGrange. They emphasized Bud Meeks’ positive attitude, which remained with him throughout his battle with colon cancer.

“Today is a celebration of a life well-lived,” said Gov. Kernan. “What a great guy!”

Kernan said Sen. Meeks’ pride “came because he was honored to serve, and to make a difference” to the people he represented.

“We know there is a special place for him in Heaven,” Kernan said.

Sen. Garton said Sen. Meeks was “an inspirational teacher” whose service started in the Navy, continued through 28 years with the Allen County Police, as a member of the Indiana Air National Guard, executive director of the National Sheriffs Association in Washington, D.C., and as a state senator.

“He was not a back-row senator, even though he sat in the back row” of the senate chamber, Garton noted. “He lived by his word and expected the same of others,” he said, and “taught us

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how to die with dignity and grace."

Sheriff Herman said Sen. Meeks was a man of "high energy, tenacious and feisty," and referred to him as "the Energizer Bunny."

Sen. Meeks' brother said they fought a lot as brothers, but were close. Their mother worried that Bud would become a garbage collector.

Instead Bud ("His given name is Charles Buddy Meeks," his brother said,) followed his older brother, first into the military and then into police work and a Senate seat.

Sen. Meeks was respected on both sides of the aisle, his brother said, and he "never lost his wit or his desire to excel.

"I am going to miss Sunday-night cookies and milk ... his counsel and his strength ... and his love," Bob Meeks said.

Sheriff Kennard is first vice president of the National Sheriffs Association. He said he became friends with Sen. Meeks 14 years ago when he visited Salt Lake in preparation for a national sheriffs meeting.

"He loved his grandkids," Kennard recalled, saying they would take out their wallets, show pictures and brag. Sen. Meeks had his wife, Marjorie, on a pedestal, he said, and they prayed daily together.

"His prayers were always for Marge," he said.

Kennard said that in the last week of his illness, Sen. Meeks "asked this little Mormon boy to pray for him. He wanted all his bases covered."

The Utah sheriff said Sen. Meeks loved four things: "He loved his job, he loved his family, and his friends meant the world to him. And, he loved his Lord, Jesus Christ, and he was highly protective of all four."

At a grave site in the veterans' section of Covington Gardens, Allen County Police provided an honor guard and a 21-gun salute. "Taps" was played by a member of the Fort Wayne Fire Department, and Herman presented the folded American flag that had draped the casket to the senator's widow.

Clement Roach

FREMONT — Clement F. "Pete" Roach, 83, of Fremont died Thursday, March 25, 2004.

Mr. Roach was born in Fort Wayne. He was co-owner of Vance Decorating for 38 years, retiring in 1982. He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland, Knights of Columbus, Painters Local No. 469, and was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola. He was also a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Marjorie A. Roach of Fremont; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael W. Roach of Fort Wayne and Patrick V. and Julie Roach of Huntertown; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda S. and Jim Inlow of Spencerville; a brother, L. Michael Roach of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Mary Harber of Yoder, Kathleen "Kate" Talbott of New Haven and Patricia Kenney of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with graveside military honors conducted by members of American Legion Post No. 423, Orland.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and also one hour before services at the church. A vigil service will be held Monday at 4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Masses, Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice or St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.

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Marcile Schenk

HUNTERTOWN — Marcile Whonsetler Schenk, 83, of Huntertown died Monday, March 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following an extended illness. She had been in declining health since last summer, and had been hospitalized for the past three weeks.

Mrs. Schenk

Mrs. Schenk was born Jan. 27, 1921, in Swan Township in Noble County to Everett R. and Eva (Ridenour) Troyer. She graduated from Avilla High School in 1939, and had attended Marion College.

She was first married to Robert C. Whonsetler on July 31, 1948, and moved to her present farm home in Noble County in 1954. Mr. Whonsetler died on Feb. 3, 1987. She later married Homer D. Schenk on Nov. 26, 1994, and he died on Dec. 22, 1997.

A homemaker, she had also worked at General Electric Co. for nine years as a young woman. She enjoyed traveling, wintering in Florida, missionary work in Brazil, gardening and her family.

She was a member of LaOtto Wesleyan Church for 73 years, its Women's Missionary Society, and the Home Progress Club.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Gary W. Whonsetler of Huntertown and Dale and Connie Whonsetler of Marion; a daughter and son-in-law, Wanda and Garry Christner of Peru; two stepdaughters and stepsons-in-law, Barbara and Kenneth Brown of Wylie, Texas, and Irma and Jim Pennsinger of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and stepdaughters-in-law, Wyman and Carol Schenk of Fort Wayne and Roger L. and Sara Schenk of Indianlantic, Fla.; a stepdaughter-in-law, Donna Schenk of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Andros Hager of Hemet, Calif.; and seven grandchildren, Joel Christner, Julia Christner, Rachel Christner, Christopher Whonsetler, Kelly Whonsetler, Leslie Whonsetler and Troy Whonsetler.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and seven brothers, Keith, Darrell, Darwin, Otho, Allen, Richard and Arthur L. "Taters" Troyer.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at LaOtto Wesleyan Church, with Pastors Lois and James Watkins officiating. Burial will be in Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the LaOtto Wesleyan Church parking lot fund.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Mary Shorts

LAGRANGE — Mary E. Shorts, 90, of LaGrange died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Shorts was born May 7, 1913, in Fort Wayne to Charles A. and Goldie Ann (Miracle) Waters. She was married to William A. Shorts in Union City, Pa. He died on Dec. 13, 1973.

She was a laborer at Fort Wayne Knitting Mills. She came to the LaGrange County area in 1983.

Surviving are four nieces, Vicky Stacy of Emmalena, Ky., Becky Owen of Rome City, Velma Godsey of Wolcottvile and Jeanne Hooper of Columbia City; a nephew, Walter "Butch" Webb of Wolcottville; a brother, Loren "Hank" Waters of Fort Wayne; and two sisters, Ollie Mae Schlect and Fern Bauman, both of Fort Wayne.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

Services will be at noon Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in IOOF Cemetery, New Haven.

Calling will be Monday from 10 a.m. to noon.

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Mrs. Aldred did a lot of living in her 102 years

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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FRANKFORT — Ida Aldred lived the kind of life one finds in storybooks ... raised on a family farm, a desire to become a nurse that she saw to fruition through determination and hard work, a long, happy marriage to a man she loved, becoming a mother and a grandmother.

When her grandson, Eric VanKersen, set about writing a brief history of his grandmother's life after she passed away on March 22 at the age of 102, he found keeping it short was difficult.

"After 102 years, she had done a lot of living," VanKersen said with a smile in his voice.

Ida, who was born Ida Avas Huppert on July 27; 1901 in Francesville, was a Steuben County resident for many years, living on Lake James and Lake George. She grew up in Francesville on the family farm and went to school in a one-room schoolhouse.

"Reading became her favorite pastime," VanKersen said.

As a child Ida saw a nurse wearing a white cap and coat, and she then dedicated herself to becoming a nurse. She also worked as a librarian during high school in Francesville.

Ida put herself through college at Indiana University, graduating in 1927 with degrees in Bachelors of Arts and Nursing, with a scholarship to study Maternity in New York City. While studying in New York, she also took classes on painting and became an accomplished artist, painting many still-life woodland scenes.

Mrs. Aldred

She worked as a public health nurse in Indianapolis, where she met her future husband Leif Steenerson, a dental student at the time. After college and careers, Ida and Leif married, and later opened a dental practice in Fremont, where Ida became Dr. Leif Steenerson's head assistant and nurse. They had three children: Ronald, Karen Sue and Ellen. In 1954 their family moved to Angola, and Leif Steenerson established his practice there.

Ruth Hill said she knew Ida through a friend and through Ida's children.

"I would describe Ida as wholesome, happy and full of energy," she said.

So full of energy, Ruth said, that Ida would often have her house filled with her children and stepchildren, as well as her nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

"I just open a pot pie if my grandkids come over," Ruth said with a chuckle. "But she was always feeding those kids, always cooking. And I mean cooking."

Through her life Ida set many goals and met them, planning her life and living it to the fullest. She traveled extensively, going to California on her own after college to visit friends, and traveled the world with her husband Leif for "adventure and cultural enrichment," Eric said.

Ida's attention to detail and fantastic memory were some of the qualities that made her a success, Eric said.

" She was bright, kind and had a good sense of humor," he said. "She kept active, healthy and independent up to her 101st year."

Years after Leif's death in 1973, Ida was married again to a friend she knew from college, Eldon Aldred. They lived together on Eldon's farm in Albion for three years, until Eldon passed away. Ida then moved to Wesley Manor Retirement Community in Frankfort in 1989, where she lived the rest of her life.

At Wesley Manor, Ida focused on what she enjoyed most, singing in the church choir, and she was one of the founding members of the Singing Saints choral group.

"One of her close friends, the Rev. Donald Weaver, who was her minister in Angola, and also at Wesley Manor, said it best when he said that Ida's faith in God was deep," Eric said

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Sen. Meeks followed brother's footsteps

BY BILL GISEL
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FORT WAYNE — "Serving people was his business, and he was very good at it," read a family message distributed to those attending Friday's funeral for state Sen. Charles "Bud" Meeks.

"Many memories are of him enjoying some of his favorite activities: working on cars, doing yard work — especially mowing with his tractor — and traveling the United States and abroad.

"He liked fishing, too, but wasn't very good at it."

Sen. Meeks died Monday, following a heroic battle with colon cancer. His funeral was attended by Gov. Joe Kernan and innumerable state and county political leaders, law enforcement officers and hundreds of friends.

His brother, Bob, already was a state senator when Bud decided to run for the senate representing Senate District 14. He asked if Bob still had his "Meeks for Senator" yard signs.

"He borrowed them, and after he won the election he brought them back. Four years later, when he was up for re-election, I asked him if he wanted them, and he said no, he didn't need them. He was that popular."

Sen. Meeks' son, Brian, said following the funeral that one of his favorite early memories is of his dad coming home from working a shift on the Allen County Sheriff's Department. The senator later served two terms as sheriff, and retired after 28 years with the department.

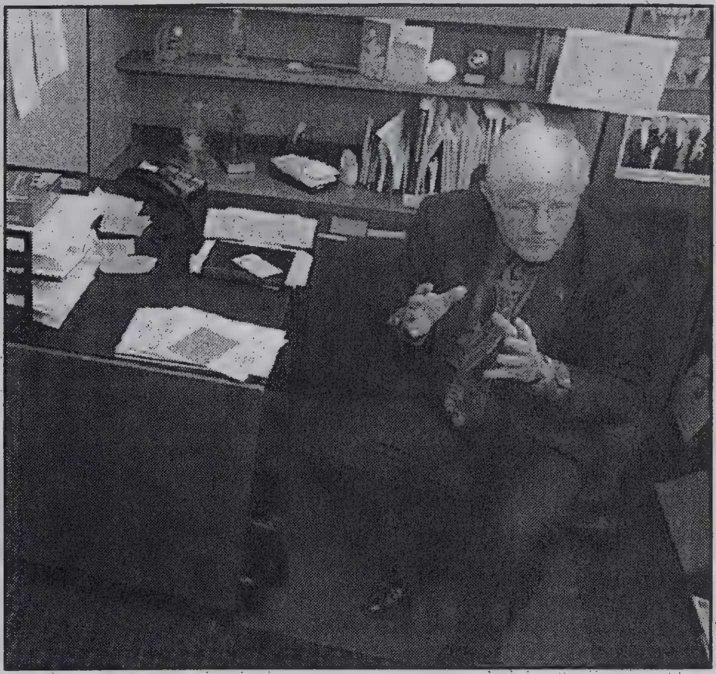
"I would get into his car and sit with him," Brian Meeks said. "The hat, the gun, it was all very special to me."

Bob Meeks said his younger brother followed in his footsteps. Bob played football for Concordia High School and had broken his nose. Bud attended Fort Wayne Central High School and also wanted to play football.

"Mom said that was OK, but told Bud not to break his nose. One day he came home from school with a book in front of his face, and when he lowered the book, his nose was over to here," he said, gesturing to the side of his face.

The older Meeks also recalled how Bud, when he was being punished by his mother (she used a clothes-washing stick to spank her children) would always yell out: "I love you Mom!" and "then there would be a 'whack' and another 'I love you Mom!' and another 'whack' and 'I love you Mom!.'"

Bob Meeks said that when he entered the Army, Bud enlisted in the Navy. After their service, Bob joined the Allen County Police while Bud went to work for a security company.



FILE PHOTO

Sen. Charles "Bud" Meeks speaks to a reporter at his office at the Indiana Statehouse in this February 2002 file photo. Sen. Meeks died Monday following a battle with colon cancer. He was 67.

"When I left in 1960, to become a state trooper, Bud took my place, and I gave him my shirts, which back then we had to buy," Bob said.

The two men fought for a long time over which police agency was better, Bob Meeks said.

"He called me a taillight chaser, and I would tell him to go back to the jail and serve his papers, and leave the real police work to us (troopers)."

Finally, one night after a heated argument, the two brothers agreed to never debate the issue again. And they didn't, he said.

"When Bud retired in 1981, I not only got the shirts back ... he made me an honorary member of the Allen County Sheriff's Department," he said.

Gladys Hurst

KENDALLVILLE — Gladys Hurst, 69, surrounded by the family that loved her, died Friday, March 26, 2004, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hurst

She was retired from Courier Printing where she had worked eight years. She also worked eight years at Taylor-Made Inc.

Mrs. Hurst had devoted her life to raising her family. She enjoyed gardening, sewing and spending time with her grandchildren.

She was born Aug. 26, 1934, in Dorton, Pike County, Kentucky, on Aug. 26, 1934, to Nathan and Nola (Mullins) Gibson.

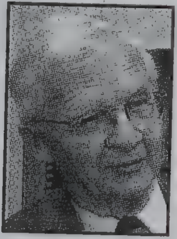
On Oct. 31, 1949, in Prestonsburg, Ky., she married James R. Hurst. He died Nov. 17, 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Jim Hurst of South Milford and Larry Hurst of Kendallville; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Linda and Ray Taylor of Kendallville, Wanda Watts of Kendallville, Sherry and Mike Paulus of Kendallville, Sandie and Daniel Benedict of Huntertown, and Rhonda and Dave Lange of Kendallville; three brothers, Garland Gibson of Lewistown, Mich., Willie Gibson of Kendallville and Wilburn Gibson of Auburn; one sister, Ocie Spriggs of Kendallville; 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband; a daughter, Dolores Hurst; two grandchildren, Brandy Watts and Ray Taylor Jr.; two brothers, Nelis and Willis Gibson; and one daughter-in-law, Ruth Hurst, who died March 2, 2003.

Funeral Wednesday for ex-Rep. Roush

HUNTINGTON — The funeral for former U.S. Rep. J. Edward Roush will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at College Park United Brethren Church.


Mr. Roush

Mr. Roush, a Democrat who represented Indiana in Congress for 16 years, died Friday. He was 83.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington.

Mr. Roush was elected to Congress in 1958 in the old 5th District, but was thrown into the 4th District in 1968 and lost to another incumbent, veteran Republican E. Ross Adair. Mr. Roush won a rematch with Adair in 1970 and won re-election in 1972 and 1974, before losing his seat to Dan Quayle in 1976.

Mr. Roush is survived by his wife of 60 years, Pauline "Polly;" three sons, David Roush of Denver, Joel Roush and Robin Roush, both of Roanoke; a daughter, Melody Wright of Warsaw; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joan Heffelfinger.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hite Funeral Home, with burial at Lake View Cemetery.

Callings is from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to hitefuneralhome.com.

Patricia Rizzo

AVILLA — Patricia Ann "Trish" Rizzo, 55, died at 4:50 p.m. Thursday, March 25, 2004, at her home in rural Avilla. She had been in failing health since December.

Mrs. Rizzo

A homemaker, she had lived in the Avilla area since 1992.

She enjoyed the spirit of nature, antiques, and loved her dog, Emma.

She was born Dec. 29, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Lawrence and Ruth (Kohlmeyer) Kulleck.

She married Barry Rizzo July 16, 1986.

Surviving are her husband; one son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Heidi Caccamo of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Joe Fyock of Monroeville and Erika and Andrew Adamonis of New Haven; three grandchildren, Cody and Haley Fyock and Dominic Caccamo; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathyrn and Marshall Smith, of Fort Wayne; father-in-law Philip Rizzo; three sisters-in-law and their spouses, Elaine and George Petersen, Gloria and Marty Meyers and Barbara and Gary Baus; and two brothers-in-law and their spouses, Phil and Robin Rizzo and Nick and Debby Rizzo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Church of Divine Science, 1615 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne.

There is no calling and cremation will take place.

Memorials are to the family.

The Brazzell Funeral Home of Avilla is in charge of arrangements.

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Yvonne Graham

WOLCOTTVILLE — Yvonne R. Graham, 46, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, at 1:05 a.m. in the emergency room of LaGrange Hospital. She had been ill since 1994.

She was a 1976 graduate of Lakeland High School and had lived in the Wolcottville area and at Atwood Lake most of her life. She worked 18 years at King Sealy in Kendallville and was a sales associate at Wal-Mart in Kendallville.

Ms. Graham

She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, Rome City, and Messiah Lutheran Church.

She was born July 24, 1957, in Fort Wayne, to Robert and Corienne (Mason) Graham.

Surviving are her companion, Butch Chrisman; a daughter, Nichole Snyder, at home; her mother and stepfather, Corky and John Fey of Adams Lake; one granddaughter, Alexis Snyder; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Robert and Cindy Graham, Dalane and Kim Graham and Mitch Graham; one sister, Cindy Graham; two stepbrothers and their wives, Tom and JoAnn Fey and Danny and Kyntte Fey; three stepsisters and one stepbrother-in-law, Kathy Marker, Becky Fey and Beth and Jeff Huntine; six nephews and five nieces.

Preceding her in death were her father; and grandparents Clarence and Joyce Mason and Joseph and Helen Graham.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville, with the Rev. James Tews officiating. Burial is at Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a college fund for her granddaughter, Alexis Snyder.

Samuel Mast

LAGRANGE — Samuel L. Mast, 86, died at 6 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2004, at his home.

He was a retired farmer and a lifelong resident of LaGrange County.

Mr. Mast was born Nov. 27, 1917, to Levi and Susie (Gingerich) Mast.

He married Mattie J. Miller on Jan. 29, 1939. She died June 16, 1998.

Surviving are six daughters and their husbands, Katie Marie and Eli Yoder of Topeka, Mary and Glen Miller of Nappanee, Alta and Perry Bontrager of Pardeeville, Wisc., Annie and Harvey Borkholder of Nappanee, Vera and Ray Hershberger of Howe, and Verna and Monroe Bontrager of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mervin and Anna Mast of LaGrange and Henry and Frieda Mast of LaGrange; one sister and brother-in-law, Ada and David Yoder of Middlebury; and three brothers, John Mast of Lake Placid, Fla., Edward Mast of Bloomfield, Iowa, and Melvin Mast of Morriston, Ariz.; 60 grandchildren and 134 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents and wife; one daughter, Elizabeth Mae Miller; and five grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the family home, 2385 W. C.R. 300S, LaGrange, with Bishop Alvin Mishler and the Rev. Melvin Schrock officiating. Burial will be in the Miller Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Calling is after 1 p.m. Sunday and all day Monday at the residence.

The Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

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J. Edward Roush

HUNTINGTON — J. Edward Roush, 83, of Huntington died Friday, March 26, 2004, at 12:12 p.m. at the Heritage of Huntington.

Mr. Roush served as the 5th District U.S. congressman from 1958 to 1968 and as 4th District congressman from 1970 to 1976. As a congressman, he was the driving force in the creation of the national 911 emergency telephone system.

Mr. Roush

He was noted for his efforts in environmental legislation and was the main sponsor of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. He pushed for federal money to create a system of reservoirs in northeast Indiana as a way to reduce flooding.

He was an early voice in opposition to the Vietnam War. He also was a strong advocate in support of civil rights legislation.

Following his time in Congress, he served for two years as a regional director of the Environmental Protection Agency, by appointment of President Jimmy Carter. He also carried on an active legal practice with the firm of Matheny, Michael, Hahn and Bailey. He was a member of the Huntington County Bar Association.

A lover of nature, Mr. Roush had a passion for fishing excursions to the lakes of northern Minnesota and was an accomplished woodworker and painter of still-life watercolor paintings.

He was a 1938 graduate of Huntington High School, a 1942 graduate of Huntington College and a 1949 graduate of the Indiana University School of Law. While in law school, he was elected a state representative in the Indiana Legislature. Upon graduation from law school, he joined the law firm of CWH Bangs in Huntington.

Mr. Roush received honorary degrees from Huntington College and Purdue University. He served on the Huntington College Board of Trustees for 50 years and served a six-month term as interim president of the college in 1989.

He had been a member of the College Park United Brethren Church since 1949, serving as a Sunday school teacher and on two building committees. He also served the Church of the United Brethren in Christ as a denominational legal counsel for many years and gave leadership to the denominational General Board of Administration and its executive committee.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1946 as an infantry captain. He saw combat duty in the European Theater in 1944 at the Battle of the Bulge. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and the Bronze Star. After his service in World War II, he served in the Army Reserves and was recalled to active duty in 1950 during the Korean conflict, serving in the Counterintelligence Corps. He was a member of Huntington American Legion Post 7.

He was born Sept. 12, 1920, in Barnsdal, Okla., to Herman A. and Eva B. (Fisher) Roush.

He married Polly Borton on Sept. 5, 1943, at the Fountain United Brethren Church in Fayette, Ohio. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, David L. Roush of Denver, Joel E. Roush of Huntington and Robin D. Roush of Roanoke; a daughter and son-in-law, Melody and Paul Wright of Winona Lake; a sister, Joan Heffelfinger of Huntington; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A sister, Jean Barnett, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in College Park United Brethren Church, 1945 College Ave., Huntington. The Rev. Brent A. Birdsall and Dr. Raymond Waldfogel will officiate. Interment will be in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery of Huntington.

Calling is today from 4-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington, and Wednesday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the J. Edward and Polly Roush Scholarship Fund, in care of Huntington College, 2303 College Ave., Huntington IN 46750.

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To sign an on-line guest registry, visit www.myersfuneralhomes.com and click on obituaries.

Irma Happel

COLUMBIA CITY — Irma K. Happel, 100, of Columbia City and formerly of Churubusco died at 5:45 p.m. Saturday, March 27, 2004, at The Oaks following an extended illness.

Mrs. Happel had lived most of her life in Fort Wayne. She had spent a brief period in Gilroy, Calif., and had lived 20 years in Churubusco prior to moving into the nursing home three years ago.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Churubusco.

Mrs. Happel was born July 26, 1903, in Fort Wayne to Harry and Carrie (Klinger) Madden.

Her first husband, Ralph Byerley, died in 1936. Her second husband, John Happel, also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Barry Fisette of Austin, Texas; a half brother, Edward Madden of White River Junction, Vt.; a close friend, Olive Tonkel of Collins; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Eloise Bubb; and a brother, Donald Madden.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Eel River Cemetery south of Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **DeWitt Cochard** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Bob Farmer officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dale Cochard, Don Cochard, John Cochard, Jeff Cochard, Ben Wert and Ron Barker.

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Harold Bridegam

COLUMBIA CITY — Harold Eugene Bridegam, 76, of Columbia City died Friday, March 26, 2004, at the Oaks Nursing Home. He had been a patient at the nursing home since March 13.

Mr. Bridegam

Mr. Bridegam had been a truck driver for Columbia City Freight Lines, Transport Motor Express and Overnite Transportation.

He attended Columbia City High School and entered the U.S. Army on Sept. 12, 1945. He was a World War II veteran who served in the Panama Canel Zone until Nov. 16, 1946. Following his discharge, he received his diploma from Whitley County Consolidated Schools Superintendent Dr. William Carnes.

Mr. Bridegam attended First Church of God in Columbia City and was a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge, Columbia City Moose Lodge, American Legion Post 98 and Tri-Lakes Lions Club. He was an avid fisherman.

He was born July 20, 1927, in Columbia City to Carl Marion and Loretta Blondena (Armel) Bridegam. On Oct. 29, 1948, in Columbia City, he married Lois Jean Bair. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and Sheila Bridegam, Timothy and Angie Bridegam and Jeffrey and Lora Bridegam, all of Columbia City; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carlene and Ralph Thompson of Columbia City and Diana and Rick Hobbs of Larwill; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Marvin and Ellen Bridegam and Von and Karen Bridegam, all of Columbia City; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Garnet and Jack Pettigrew and Patricia and Paul Gates, all of Columbia City, Irene and Clifford Gagnon of Leesburg and Aletha and Paul Sills of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Paul and Thomas Bridegam.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home with Pastor Curtiss Johnson officiating. Burial will be in St. Matthews (Hively) Cemetery with military graveside services by American Legion Post 98.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with a Lions Club service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Tri-Lakes Lions Club.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@demoney-grimes.com.

Edna Woodard

ROANOKE — Edna M. Woodard, 80, of Roanoke and formerly of Columbia City died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Woodard retired from Dana Corp. in Churubuso in 1978. She had spent her formative years in Rome City and Brimfield and was educated in the Orange Township Schools. She had lived in Roanoke since November 2002.

She was born March 21, 1924, in Marshall County to Orson and Gladys L. (Smith) Moore. Her father is deceased and her mother, Gladys Butcher, survives at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City. On Jan. 30, 1954, she married Forest L. Woodard. He died July 12, 1998.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Hala Yoder of Roanoke, Debra and Walt Berndt of Goshen and Dee and David Kerby of New Port News, Va.; a son, Daniel Woodard of Olathe, Kan.; three sisters, Dorothy Deetz of Stroh, Lucille Butcher of LaGrange and Alta Acres of Columbia City; special friends, Jim and Carol Wymer of Columbia City; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Neal Woodard; and two brothers, Herman Moore and Sonny Moore.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Barry Faucett of New Hope Wesleyan Church officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Hospital Heart Center.

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Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Graveside services for **Velma D. Gallup** were held Saturday at 11 a.m. at Woodruff Cemetery.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **I. Eva Hammel** were held at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Honorary pallbearers were Chad Beverly and Nick Beverly.

Active pallbearers were Keith Leiter, John Hammel, Jeff Hammel, Jerry Hammel, Jim Hammel, Bill Hammel, Frank Smith and Ken Smith.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements

KENDALLVILLE — Graveside services for **Lucille Gienger** were held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lake View Cemetery with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Pallbearers were Paul Griebel, Frank Young, Mike Fiandt, Don Gienger, Ben Edsall and Ron Hite.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sharon Schlund

CHURUBUSCO — Sharon M. Schlund, 64, of Churubusco and formerly of Fort Wayne died Sunday, March 28, 2004, at Bethlehem Woods Nursing Center following an extended illness.

Mrs. Schlund had worked at Nick's Rib Room for 20 years, leaving there in 1982. She especially enjoyed cooking.

She was born Jan. 8, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Norbert and Beatrice (Minnick) Ehmke. She was a 1958 graduate of Central Catholic High School.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Terry and Bruce Johnson of Churubusco; a son, Daniel James Schlund of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and Mark Miller of LaOtto; a brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Nancy Ehmke of LaOtto; and a granddaughter, Nicole Johnson of Churubusco.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Believer's Bible Fellowship Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

Calling is one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Woods Nursing Center.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchildss.com.

Evaleena Wogoman

HAMILTON — Evaleena B. Wogoman, 78, died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A homemaker, she was born Dec. 20, 1925, in Stroh to Harmon and Inez (Gaskill) Emerick.

She married Richard Wogoman on March 17, 1956, in LaGrange. He survives.

Also surviving are five sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Ellen Emerick of Hudson, Jimmy and Sharon Emerick of Pleasant Lake, Mike and Norma Emerick of Angola, Jeff and Jackie Wogoman of Angola and Pat and Marcia Wogoman of Fremont; two daughters and sons-in-law, Bonnie and Dave Day of LaGrange and Cathy and Larry Gaff of Hamilton; a stepson, John Wogoman of Butler; 18 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Lyle, Vern and Virgil Emerick and two in infancy, and three sisters, Doris Slone and two in infancy.

Graveside services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at the Mount Pisgah Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Yvonne R. Graham** were held Tuesday at Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. James Tews officiating.

Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Bobby Graham, Mitch Graham, Duke Delane, Duke Mason, Don Fey and Ronnie Behrer.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Gladys Hurst** were held Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with chaplain Gordon Samra officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Chris Watts, Ryan Watts, Nik Benedict, Joe Paulus, John Lankford, Ron Deter and Richie Taylor.

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Harold Eugene Bridegram

COLUMBIA CITY – Harold Eugene Bridegam,76, of Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, died at 7 p.m. Friday, March 26, 2004, at The Oaks in Columbia City where he had been a patient for just a few days after suffering a fall at his residence on March 13.

Born in Columbia City on July 20, 1927, a son of Carl Marion and Loretta Blondena (Armel) Bridegam, he attended Columbia City High School. During that period he was drafted by the U.S. Army on Sept. 12, 1945. He enlisted at Indianapolis and served during World War II in the Panama Canal Zone until Nov. 16, 1946 as a T-5 with the Anti-Air Craft Command. He later received his diploma from Dr. William Carnes, Superintendent of Whitley County Consolidated Schools.

His marriage to Lois Jean Bair took place on Oct. 29, 1948 in Columbia City at the home of the late Rev. Marion Shroyer. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last October.

His first employment included clerking and meat cutting, and his lifetime career was a truck driver for Columbia City Freight Lines from 1951 to 1957 and 1960 to 1982. 1957 to 1960, he drove for Transport Motor Express. From 1982 to 1990 he drove for Overnite Transportation. He was an avid fisherman.

He attended the First Church of God in Columbia City and was a member of Columbia City Eagles Lodge 1906, Moose Lodge, American Legion Post 98 since 1987 and the Tri Lakes Lions Club since 1962 where he served most offices including past president and zone chairman.

Survivors include his wife, Lois Jean; three sons, Dennis Eugene (Sheila) Bridegam; Timothy Howard (Angie) Bridegam and Jeffrey Alan (Lora) Bridegam, all of Columbia City; two daughters, Carlene Sue (Ralph) Thompson of Columbia City; and Diana Lynn (Rick) Hobbs of Larwill; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; two brothers, Marvin (Ellen) Bridegam and Von (Karen) Bridegam, both of Columbia City; four sisters, Garnet (Jack) Pettigrew and Patricia (Paul) Gates, both of Columbia City; Irene (Clifford) Gagnon of Leesburg; and Aletha (Paul) Sills of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Paul and Thomas Bridegam.

Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 30, at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. A Lion's Twilight Memorial service, conducted by Tri-Lakes Lion Club is at 8 p.m. The funeral service is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday with Pastor Curtiss Johnson, retired pastor of Community Bible Church in Columbia City, officiating. Burial is at St. Matthews (Hively) Cemetery, SR 9 North, Columbia City. Military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion Post 98.

Memorials may be given in Mr. Bridegam's memory to the Tri-Lakes Lion Club. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

For additional obituary information, sending condolences or signing the family register book, log onto sympathy@demoneygrimes.co

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Margie Shepherd

KENDALLVILLE – Margie G. Shepherd, 68, of Kendallville, died Monday, March 22, 2004, at her son's home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Shepherd had lived in Hueysville, KY., for the past 23 years and prior to that resided in Kendallville.

She had worked at several factories in Kendallville, including Flint & Walling, Taylor-Made and Universal Friction. She loved making quilts.

Mrs. Shepherd was born September 28, 1935, in Bradshaw, WV, to John and Sithia (Justice) Taylor. Her first husband, Charles L. Anglin, died April 13, 1976. She then married Mitchell Shepherd on September 21, 1974, in Rome City. He survives in Hueysville.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles F. and Karen Anglin of Cromwell and Randy and Jody Anglin of Kendallville; two brothers, Bill Taylor and Buddy Taylor; and five grandchildren, Tonya Scheff of Albion, Lucas Anglin of Cromwell, Matthew Anglin of Albion, Crystal Weber of Kendallville and Randi Anglin of Avilla.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Acie Taylor; and two sisters, Rose McDowell and Adie Hagerman.

Services were held Thursday, March 25, 2004 at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Patricia Rizzo

AVILLA – Patricia Ann "Trish" Rizzo, 55, died Thursday, March 25, 2004, at her home in rural Avilla. She had been in failing health since December.

A homemaker, she had lived in the Avilla area since 1992.

She enjoyed the spirit of nature, antiques, and loved her dog, Emma.

She was born Dec. 29, 1948, in Fort Wayne to Lawrence and Ruth (Kohlmeyer) Kulleck.

She married Barry Rizzo July 16, 1986.

Surviving are her husband; one son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Heidi Caccamo of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Joe Fyock of Monroeville and Erika and Andrew Adamonis of New Haven; three grandchildren, Cody and Haley Fyock and Dominic Caccamo; a sister and brother-in-law, Kathyrn and Marshall Smith, of Fort Wayne; father-in-law Philip Rizzo; three sisters-in-law and their spouses, Elaine and George Petersen, Gloria and Marty Meyers and Barbara and Gary Baus; and two brothers-in-law and their spouses, Phil and Robin Rizzo and Nick and Debby Rizzo.

Services were held Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at the Church of Divine Science, 1615 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne.

There was no calling and cremation will take place.

Memorials are to the family.

The Brazzell Funeral Home of Avilla was in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Beeber

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL – Ronald A. Beeber, 62, died March 17, 2004, at Alexian Brothers Medical Center in Elk Grove Village, IL.

Mr. Beeber had been employed by Semler Industries of Franklin Park, IL since 1975. He was a very active member of St. Edna Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, IL, for 30 years.

He was born July 15, 1941, in Garrett to Arthur and Bertha Beeber. They preceded him in death.

He married Judith "Judy" Tooman on July 29, 1961, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Gregory Schneider of Crystal Lake, IL; a son and daughter-in-law, Gregory and Debroah Beeber of Arlington Heights, IL; six grandchildren, Daniel, Audrey, Michael, Austin, Travis and Cody; and a brother and sister-in-law, Aaron J. and Joyce Beeber of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Rebecca Habig.

Services were Saturday, March 14, 2004, at St. Edna Catholic Church in Arlington Heights, IL. Interment was at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine, IL.

Memorials are to the Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607, or the Capital Fund of St. Edna Catholic Church, 2525 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004.

Condolences may be posted at www.dailyherald.com.obits

Lee Thomas

AUBURN – Lee A. Thomas, 58, of rural Auburn died Thursday, March 25, 2004, in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Thomas lived in the Garrett area for 35 years. He worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 30 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett, the Garrett Masonic Lodge and AIW Local. He belonged to the Albright United Methodist Church in Mishawaka.

He was born June 27, 1945, in Mishawaka to Wilbur R. and Thelma (Snyder) Thomas.

He married Dianne L. Lash on August 9, 1969, in Garrett. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Christina and Curtis Smith of Garrett and Karen and Ben Myers of Avilla; a son, Ben Thomas of Muncie; a granddaughter, Lily Myers of Avilla; a grandson, Jacob Myers of Avilla; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Gregg and Sharon Thomas of Mishawaka and Wade and Linda Thomas of Denver; his father-in-law, James E. Lash of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his mother-in-law, Lucille Lash.

Services were held Monday, March 29, 2004, at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett. The Rev. Gordon L. Samra officiated. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside services by American Legion Post 178.

Memorials are to the Garrett Masonic Lodge.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

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Eva Hammel

KENDALLVILLE – I. Eva Hammel, 93, of Kendallville died at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had resided the past three years.

Mrs. Hammel was a lifetime Kendallville resident and had been a homemaker. She had resided at the Lamplighter for 27 years.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Mrs. Hammel was also a member of the Senior Citizens Club, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Second Time Around Club. She love to paint and to fish.

She was born Nov. 1, 1910, in Kendallville the daughter of George W. and Mary M. (Eley) Conklin. On March 31, 1927, in Albion she married Arnold Martin Hammel. He died Feb. 19, 1974.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Pat Hammel of Kendallville, Larry and Sharon Hammel of Kendallville, and Jack and Pat Hammel of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Keith Leiter of Fort Wayne and Sharon and Larry Beverly of Wawaka; a sister, Dorothy Miller of Kendallville; 19 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ray Conklin, Everett Conklin and Charley Conklin.

Services were held Saturday, March 27, 2004, at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Shepherd of the Hill.

Ireta Miller

LAGRANGE — Ireta J. Miller, 78, of LaGrange died Tuesday, March 30, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and had retired from Mastercraft Inc. in Shipshewana.

She was born Oct. 30, 1925, in LaGrange County to Clayton and Cuba (Baker) Stevens. On Feb. 1, 1942, she married William E. Miller. He died May 18, 2003.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-laws, Connie and Owen Boggs of LaGrange, Janet K. Miller of Logansport, Pamala and Samuel Swihart of Clermont, Fla., and Penny and Charles Krug of South Bend; a sister, Joann Harnishfeger of Lima, Ohio; a brother, Clayton Stevens of Vicksburg, Mich.; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Cathy Hoffman, on April 17, 2001; a son, Billy C. Miller, on June 2, 1990; a grandson, James Mickem, on April 7, 1987; four sisters; and two brothers.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church in LaGrange with the Rev. Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Pretty Prairie United Methodist Church in Howe.

June Grocock

KENDALLVILLE — June Grocock, 69, of Kendallville died today, Thursday, April 1, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

William Ruswinkle

LAGRANGE — William C. Ruswinkle, 73, of LaGrange died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ruswinkle had retired after 22 years with the LaGrange County Highway Department and from farming. He had lived in LaGrange since moving there in 1963 from Orwell, Ohio.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He was born Nov. 17, 1930, in Riga, Mich., to Christopher and Florence (Sunior) Ruswinkle. On March 12, 1955, in Bristolville, Ohio, he married Leona L. Slusher. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Janice and Kelly Hall of West Farmington, Ohio, and LuAnn and James Andrews of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Lloyd A. and Karen Ruswinkle of LaGrange; two sisters, Ruth Slusher of Cortland, Ohio, and Gladys Slusher of North Bloomfield, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

One brother, Earl Ruswinkle, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Paine-Guerriero Funeral Home in Orwell, Ohio. Burial will be in Brownwood Cemetery in North Bloomfield, Ohio.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Emma Bortner

KENDALLVILLE — Emma Jane Bortner, 83, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bortner was a homemaker. She had attended Wawaka High School and was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ligonier.

Mrs. Bortner

She was born Feb. 3, 1921, in rural Albion to Russell and Stella (Long) Becker. On Feb. 13, 1938, in Wawaka, she married Maynard E. Bortner. He died Feb. 27, 1989.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Carolyn Bortner of Camden, Ohio, Larry and Melvin Bortner of Kendallville and Ronnie and Joan Bortner of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Kathryn Becker of Sebring, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Jane Becker of Kendallville; a special friend, Harlan Holts of Wolcottville; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Virgil and John Becker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Stanley R. Wilson officiating. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Presbyterian Church in Ligonier or to the Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-home.com.

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Nancy Bolinger

AUBURN — Nancy L. Bolinger, 67, died Monday March 29, 2004, at her home in Auburn. She was born January 4, 1937 in Fort Wayne to Harry and Peggy (Hire) Quinn. She was a 1955 graduate of South Whitley High School and worked at Auburn Laundry Service as an attendant for the past two years.

Mrs. Bolinger

Surviving are a son, Mark (Kelly) Bolinger of Auburn,;two daughters, Mrs. Bill (Pat) Tusing of Leesburg, and Sue Haiflich of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and a brother, Jim Brayman of South Whitley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Max, on October 24, 1999, and a daughter, Cindy Miller.

Service are 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Lloyd Bickel officiating. Calling is from 5-9 today, Thursday at the funeral home. Burial at Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society.

Louise Hoogenboom

LIGONIER — Louise E. Hoogenboom, 82, of Kingston Circle Drive in Ligonier, and formerly of Goshen, died at 9:20 p.m. on Tuesday, March 23 at Avalon Health Care, Ligonier.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 27, 2004, at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church.

The Revs. Terry Diener and Bob Shreiner officiated.

Burial was in Clinton Frame Cemetary, Goshen with pallbearers Jeffrey Clemmer, Marc McNamara, Owen Rodes, Jason Wier, Roger Galloway and Ron Keim. Memorials may be directed to Clinton Frame Mennonite Church or The Window's Meals on Wheels program.

The Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen was in charge of arrangements.

I. Eva Hammel

KENDALLVILLE — I. Eva Hammel, 93, of Kendallville died at 7:40 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home where she had resided the past three years.

Mrs. Hammel was a lifetime Kendallville resident and had been a homemaker. She had resided at the Lamplighter for 27 years.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

Mrs. Hammel was also a member of the Senior Citizens' Club, the American Legion Auxiliary and the Second Time Around Club. She love to paint and to fish.

She was born Nov. 1, 1910, in Kendallville, the daughter of George W. and Mary M. (Eley) Conklin. On March 31, 1927, in Albion she married Arnold Martin Hammel. He died Feb. 19, 1974.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Pat Hammel of Kendallville, Larry and Sharon Hammel of Kendallville, and Jack and Pat Hammel of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and Keith Leiter of Fort Wayne and Sharon and Larry Beverly of Wawaka; a sister, Dorothy Miller of Kendallville; 19 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ray Conklin, Everett Conklin and Charley Conklin.

Services were Saturday at St. John Lutheran Church with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church or Shepherd of Hill

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Melvin Bricker

LAGRANGE — Melvin D. Bricker, 90, of LaGrange and formerly of Howe died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mr. Bricker was a graduate of Lima High School and owned and operated the Home Market in Howe for 33 years. He had served on the board of directors of the State Bank of Lima and was on the board of the LaGrange County Hospital.

He was a member of the Howe United Methodist Church and a charter member of the Howe Lions Club for 60 years.

Mr. Bricker was born May 9, 1913, in LaGrange County the son of Lloyd and Ethel (Eaton) Bricker. On June 6, 1937, in Howe he married Marjorie E. Yunker. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carolyn Faust of Howe; two sons, David Bricker of Howe and J. Melvin Bricker of Oakland, Calif.; a sister, Mary Jane Miller of Fort Wayne; a brother, Lloyd Bricker Jr. of Elkhart; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death a brother, Cecil Bricker, and a sister, Gladys Stukey.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Howe United Methodist Church in Howe with the Rev. Dewey Miller officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Memorials are to Howe United Methodist Church or the Howe Lions Club.

June Grocock

KENDALLVILLE — June L. Grocock, 69, of Kendallville died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Grocock was an active member of Trinity Church United Methodist where she served as the special activities chairwoman and was a past president of the Dorcas Circle. She founded a cancer support group in 1992.

She was born July 15, 1934, in Kendallville the daughter of Lemmon and Opal (Snellenberger) Warble. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1953. On July 18, 1953, in Kendallville she married Ira L. Grocock. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Vickie L. Rogers of Bristol and Sue and Mike Boszor of Kendallville; two granddaughters, Jennifer Boszor of Kendallville and Lisa Rogers of Bristol; and a great-granddaughter, Ashlynn Rogers of Bristol.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Grocock, in 1984.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Church United Methodist with the Rev. David Hogsett officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity Church Maintenance Fund or to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Anna Eash

SHIPSHEWANA — Anna Eash, 80, of Shipshewana died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital. She had been a patient there four days.

Miss Eash was a member of the Old Order Amish Church and had done book binding.

She was born July 31, 1923, in LaGrange County the daughter of Daniel and Polly (Schrock) Eash.

Surviving are three sisters and a brother-in-law, Ada Miller of Shipshewana, Edna and Ray Scrock of Jessup, Ga., and Katie Eash of Shipshewana; a brother and sister-in-law, Mahlon and Emma Eash of Utica, Ohio; and 33 nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Ervin Raber residence, 155 Union St., Shipshewana, with Bishop Jerry Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be all day today at the Raber residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Jo Anne Miller

FORT WAYNE — Jo Anne Miller, 67, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller had retired in 1999 from Dana Corp. after 35 years of service.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

Mrs. Miller was a native of LaPorte.

Surviving are a son, Leon R. Miller of Angola; two daughters, Tina Riecke of Avilla and Lori J. Petro of Fort Wayne; two brothers, William Minich of Grabill and Ed Minich of Michigan; two sisters, Carole Potami of Orlando, Fla., and Janet Merritt of Lafayette; and six grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

BILL GISEL

Emergency responders worked to contain a gasoline leak Friday at the scene of a fatal vehicle collision north of Avilla. The Noble County EMS, Indiana State Police, Noble County Sheriff's Department, Avilla Police Department, Kendallville Fire Department and Avilla Fire Department responded to the scene.

S.R. 3 crash kills 1

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AVILLA — One man died and another was hospitalized following a collision at the north junction of S.R. 3 and S.R. 8 shortly before 3 p.m. Friday.

Richard G. Hobson, 59, of Avilla was pronounced dead at the scene. He died of internal injuries after becoming pinned in his 1994 Plymouth Acclaim four-door.

Thomas W. Peters, 54, of Avilla, the driver of a 1997 GMC four-door, was transported to Parkview Noble Hospital in fair condition after complaining of pain to his neck and lower extremities.

According to a news release from the Indiana State Police, the preliminary investigation revealed that the two vehicles crashed when Hobson turned his vehicle into the path of Peters' GMC. Troopers on the scene said Peters' vehicle may have been hidden from Hobson's sight due to the position of a nearby semi.

Peters was driving north on S.R. 3,

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CRASH: *Semi in turn lane may have blocked driver's view*

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going through the intersection at S.R. 8, when Hobson struck his vehicle. Hobson was traveling south on S.R. 3 and was attempting to turn left onto C.R. 300N, the road directly across from S.R. 8, when the crash occurred.

The semi that may have obstructed Hobson's view was traveling north on S.R. 3. The driver had stopped in the intersection's left turn lane, waiting to turn west onto S.R. 8. Peters was driving around the semi on the far side when Hobson proceeded through the intersection. Both vehicles were listed as a total loss.

The crash remains under investigation by Trooper Rob Smith of the Indiana State Police, Fort Wayne post. He is assisted by officers Marc Leatherman, Ron Galaviz and Jim Sheffield, who will reconstruct the crash. Avilla police officers were first at the scene, and Noble County Sheriff's Department deputies also responded.

James Martin

FORT WAYNE — James H. Martin, 70, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

Mr. Martin was an Allen County native and had retired in 1982 after 30 years with the heat treating department at Dana Corp.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church and was involved with the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Knights of Columbus in Garrett. He enjoyed fishing, bee keeping and farming.

Surviving are his wife, Donna, of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Beth and Charles Browning of Churubusco and Teresa and Paul Warner of Huntertown; two sons and daughters-in-law, Duane and Donna Martin of Fort Wayne and Gail and Karen Martin of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Bev Martin of St. James City, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and David Amick of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Gibault Inc. in Terre Haute or Visiting Nurse Service's Hospice Home.

Shirley Robinson

FORT WAYNE — Shirley M. Robinson, 74, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at her daughter's home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Robinson was a self-employed home health care worker and a member of Christ Lutheran Church of Fort Wayne. She was born in LaCrosse, Wis.

She is survived by three sons, Mark Adsit and Larry Robinson, both of Fort Wayne, and Kent Adsit of Muncie; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie and Charles Taylor of Greenfield and Susan and Ernest Bartlett of Kendallville; a brother, David Michel of LaCrosse; two sisters, Jean McCurdy of LaCrosse and Darlene Standiford of Onalaska, Wis.; 19 grandchildren, Daniel, Joseph, Andrew, Emily, Peter, Paul, Luke, Mark, Sarah and Jonathan Taylor, and Joshua, Joseph, Janis, Jennifer, Jerrica, James, Jeanna, Jacob and Janelle Bartlett; a stepgrandson, Jonathan Bartlett; and two great-grandchildren, Collin and Mya Bartlett.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer P. Robinson, in 1972.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Mormon Coulee Memorial Park in LaCrosse.

Calling will be 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Tom Mungovan Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Siler Funeral Services is handling the funeral arrangements.

Richard Hobson

AVILLA — Richard G. Hobson, 59, of Avilla, died at 2:58 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2004, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Services are pending Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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Floyd Ferguson

FORT WAYNE — Floyd Arthur Ferguson, 60, of Fort Wayne died at 7:40 a.m. Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retiring in 1997, Mr. Ferguson worked for 30 years at General Electric in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marines, entering service on June 1, 1962, in Indianapolis and being discharged Sept. 30, 1966, from Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Mr. Ferguson

He was born on Aug. 10, 1943, in Whitley County to Churl C. and Dorothy B. (Parker) Ferguson. He was raised in Columbia City and Larwill and lived his adult life in Fort Wayne. He graduated from Larwill High School in 1961.

He is survived by a son, Floyd Ferguson Jr. of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Mike Kelly of Larwill; two sisters, Margaret Ferguson of Las Vegas and Virginia Woo of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, George German of Georgia; two granddaughters, Kimberly Jane Ferguson of Kendallville and Caitlin Elizabeth Kelly of Larwill; three grandsons, Austin Edward Kelly of Larwill, Kurt Michael Kelly of Pierceton and Zachary James Kelly of Churubusco; and a former wife, Diane Jordan of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Patricia Jane Kirkham.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor John Cummings of Community Bible Church will officiate. Burial will be at Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City with graveside military rites by the U.S. Marines.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

For additional obituary information, sending condolences or signing the family register book, go to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Norma Black

DECATUR — Norma J. Black, 66, of Decatur, died at 2:20 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2004, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Black was a former CTS employee and a member of First Missionary Church in Berne.

She was born Oct. 22, 1937, in Adams County to Amos and Selma (Habegger) Inniger. She first married Albert Egly on July 8, 1956. He preceded her in death in 1987. She then married Francis Black on April 20, 1991, in Berne. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kendra and Keith Miller of North Manchester and Kelly and Kevin Ledbetter of Portland; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Denise and Michael Harrigan of New Haven; a brother and sister-in-law, Fred L. and Vicki Inniger of Kendallville; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Kerry.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday in First Missionary Church, Berne. The Rev. Kris McPherson and the Rev. Max Haines will officiate. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne.

Calling will be noon to 8 p.m. Sunday at Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne and Monday at the church one hour prior to services.

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Teacher Ann Diggins had thirst for knowledge

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Ann K. Diggins was a popular teacher who loved kids — and in return was loved.

"She was the ultimate professional," said Fred Inniger, who as a new teacher at the new East Noble High School in the late 1960s was deeply impressed by her dedication to education and to students.

"She did a great job setting high expectations, and her students didn't want to let her down, so they would rise to meet her expectations," Inniger said.

Mrs. Diggins, 89, died March 4. She is survived by her husband, attorney Merritt Diggins; sons Bill and Dan, who also is an attorney; and a daughter, Dianne Trees.

A native of Topeka and a 1931 graduate of Topeka High School, she enjoyed traveling to Topeka and the Shipshewana area with friends who included Pam Younce.

"Before she got too sick, our coffee group would take Ann to Topeka to Tiffany's and she would show us all around her old stomping grounds," Younce said. Mrs. Diggins' first teaching job was at Honeyville School.

Younce said Mrs. Diggins enjoyed being around the younger ladies.

"She was so much fun! She enjoyed life and liked to giggle, and have a good time," Younce said. Always a teacher, Mrs. Diggins was free with her knowledge.

"You could learn from her every day. She was a wonderful friend, very special to me," Younce added.

Another coffee-drinking friend was Nancy Sible, who recalled Mrs. Diggins' passion for reading.

Mrs. Diggins

"Her enthusiasm for reading was amazing, and it broke my heart when she started losing her vision," Sible said.

Sible also complimented Mrs. Diggins' "regal appearance."

A member of the Book Club, Mrs. Diggins could "really hold your attention with her ability to tell about a book (she had read)," said Erlene Dekko, a member of the club and a former teacher who was mentored by Mrs. Diggins when she was a begining teacher at Kendallville High School.

The Rev. David Hogsett, pastor of Trinity Church United Methodist, noted that Mrs. Diggins played an active role in the church.

"She was one of a number of ladies who always sat in the back pew," he recalled. She attended almost every Sunday and helped prepare meals for church functions and after-funeral dinners.

"Her father had been a lay leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Topeka," Hogsett said, and so she related well to the mission of a church in the community.

"And, she had a tremendous thirst for knowledge," Hogsett added. Even when her eyesight failed, she continued her quest through audio books.

Carrie Jean Farmer, also a teacher, noted that Mrs. Diggins was her freshman English teacher and she had a tremendous influence on her life.

"The first time I read an entire book was because of her encouragement," she said. She remembered the book was "The Robe."

Keith Stouder, retired guidance counselor at Kendallville and East Noble high schools, and Inniger noted the big role Mrs. Diggins played in the innovative programs pioneered at East Noble.

"We were an award-winning school with new ideas and programs, and she was very good at communicating to visiting teachers and administrators our innovations," Inniger said.

Stouder was an avid stamp collector and he recalled how Mrs. Diggins would regularly give him letters with interesting stamps. Once, she gave him old letters with Civil War-era stamps.

"She was a real kind person, and the kids liked her real well," Stouder said.

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Marian Adair rememberd as ‘interesting’

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FORT WAYNE — Marian Adair was much more than a politician’s wife — she was an intelligent, vibrant woman with many outside interests.

“My husband and I both knew her,” said Rowene Helmke of Lake James, who is married to Fort Wayne attorney Walter Helmke. “She was the sweetest, sweetest person. She was very interesting, outside of being a politician’s wife. She was involved in so many things.”

Mrs. Adair, widow of former congressman and U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia E. Ross Adair, died March 6. She was 95.

She was a former school teacher and had directed a nursery school at Fort Knox, Ky., during World War II. Her husband served in Congress from 1951 to 1971 and was U.S. ambassador to Ethiopia from 1971 to 1974. While living in Washington, D.C., Mrs. Adair organized eight International Clubs, the Women’s Committee of International Christian Leadership, the Congressional Wives Prayer Breakfast and the Congressional Club.

Mrs. Adair

She was the founder and first president of the Welcome to Washington International Club and was presented the Hoo’s Hoo of Hoosier Women award by the Indiana Society in Washington.

Mrs. Adair was also a member of the League of Republican Women, the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C., the Capitol Speakers Club of Washington and the Women’s Committee of International Christian Leadership. While in Ethiopia, she organized various women’s activities including two prayer breakfasts.

The Helmkes and the Adairs knew each other for many, many years.

“Marian and I go back to the ’60s, or the ’50s I should say, when we were precinct committee people in Fort Wayne,” Mrs. Helmke said.

One thing Helmke remembers about Mrs. Adair was that she collected ornamental eggs.

“She collected these beautiful, decorated ostrich eggs,” she said. “She brought them back from everywhere she went.”

The last time Mrs. Helmke saw Mrs. Adair, she said, was in the doctor’s office.

“She was telling me that she wished she’d never sold her house on Lake James,” Mrs. Helmke remembered. “They used to have a house over on Phillips Bay, you know. She was telling me how much she missed the water and how much she wished she still had the house for her grandchildren.”

Mrs. Helmke said Mrs. Adair will be missed by many.

“My husband and I respected her opinion and valued her friendship,” she said. “She and her husband were both very great, very interesting people.”

Ronnie Tuttle Sr.

ASHLEY — Ronnie Tuttle Sr., 58, of Ashley, died at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004.

Mr. Tuttle was a mechanic and a veteran of the U.S. Army. He was a dispatcher and a member of the Hudson Fire Department and a member of New Life Baptist Church of Ashley.

He was born in Knott County, Ky., on Jan. 30, 1946, to Andrew and Angeline (Thornsbeary) Tuttle.

He married Mary Huff on July 11, 1964. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Zina and Bernie Wogoman of Pleasant Lake, NuWanda "Fuzzy" and Joe Sturgill of Hudson and Lois Hanni of Stroh; two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie Jr. and Kelly Tuttle of Waterloo and Keith and Joni Griffith of Auburn; a brother, Bill Ray Tuttle of Rogersville, Tenn.; three sisters, Immogene Short of Rogersville, Tenn., Olliejean Johnson of Wayland, Ky.; and Nellafay Green of Waynesboro, Tenn.; 17 grandchildren, Mandy and Brandon Burger, Juston, Cody, Dakota, Bo, Noél, Jessica, Tiffany, Sarah, Bailey, Grace, Karasha, Amber, Madison, Micheal and Mataya; and one great-grandchild, Paige Burger.

He was preceded in death by a son, Alex; a grandson, Christian; six brothers and one sister.

Graveside services will be at noon Tuesday at Trinity Cemetery with Pastor Jamey Clauson officiating.

Calling will be 5-8 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@kuntrynet.com.

Mary Reuter

AUBURN — Mary E. Reuter, 88, of Auburn died Friday, April 2, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reuter worked for Reuter's Restaurant for 22 years in Auburn until 1975 and was also a receptionist at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was born April 21, 1915, to Lester and Bell (Reyeff) Shirley in Sherwood, Ohio.

She married Richard K. Reuter in Hicksville, Ohio, on Sept. 29, 1935. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard C. and Donna Reuter of Trinity, Fla., and Thomas G. and Julia Reuter of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Pamela Page of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, June and Robert Skinner of Coldwater, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Henry and Dorthea Shirely of Georgia; six grandchildren, Cheri Wigeman, Lisa Murfitt, Shawn Page, Kimberly Gauck, Nick Reuter and Derek Reuter; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother; a sister; a son-in-law, Jerry D. Page; and her parents.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Calling will be 6-8 p.m. Monday and 12-2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the church of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Norma Simmonds

AUBURN — Norma F. Simmonds, 76, of Auburn died Friday, April 2, 2004, in her home.

She was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy in the Cadet Nurse Corps. She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and a past president of Elks Auxiliary in Bricktown, N.J. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Simmonds

She was born Feb. 3, 1928, to Harry Barringer Flood and Lillian Carrie Davidson in Patterson, N.J.

She married Martin G. Simmonds on April 27, 1946. He survives.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert G. and Susan Simmonds of St. Petersburg, Fla, and Harry A. and Carmilla Simmonds of Bridgeton, N.J.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine L. and Larry Warstler of Auburn and Susan D. and Clint Silvers of Tom Rivers, N.J.; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Other than her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Grover "Buddy" Flood, and a sister, Evelyn O. Matthiessen.

Services will be Wednesday at 4 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating.

Friends will be received from 2-4 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Lakewood, N.J., at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or a church of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be e-mailed to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Mary Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Josephine "Pip" Henney Jackson, 87, of Kendallville died Friday, April 2, 2004, at 11 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Jackson loved to garden, fish, cook and spend time with her family. She was the matriarch of her family and the oldest member of the Morr family.

Mrs. Jackson

She was born Jan. 6, 1917, in Kendallville to Stephen and Maude (Morr) Walchalk.

She married Roland J. Henney in June 1936. He died in February 1963.

She then married Lyle L. Jackson in 1966. He died in September 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Judy Henney of Kendallville; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nellie Michael of Ligonier, Marry Ellen and Philip Deardorf of Los Gatos, Calif., Stephanie and Duane Jackson of Witmer Lake; Kathryn "Kathy" and Gary Dodd of Kendallville; a sister, Dorothy Tipton of El Paso, Texas; 12 grandchildren, Gregg Michael, Mary Cynthia Hilliard, David Deardorf, Lisa Shisler, Emily Newcomer, Lori Deusler, Jenny Schmidt, Joshua Henney, Sarah Henney, Mary Ellen Henney, Stephanie Rockford "Rocky" Kegg and Mandy Kegg; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be today from 2-8 p.m. and Monday an hour before the service.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

John Strombeck

LAGRANGE — John O. Strombeck, 87, of Wolcottville died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at 12:30 a.m. in LaGrange Community Hospital of natural causes.

Mr. Strombeck was in military service from 1940 to 1945 and was a member of American Legion Post 215 in LaGrange.

Mr. Strombeck

He owned and operated a service station for over 30 years in Wolcottville.

He was born Aug. 4, 1916, to John O. Sr. and Elizabeth (Buel) Strombeck in Fort Wayne.

He married Betty Meyer on March 17, 1942, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife and two brothers, Herbert Strombeck of Palm Harbor, Fla., and Richard Strombeck of Clearwater, Fla.

He was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

There will be no service or calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Arrangements were made by Carney-Frost Funeral Home of LaGrange.

Richard Hobson

AVILLA — Richard G. Hobson, 59, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at 2:58 p.m. from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He lived in Avilla for the last 25 years, coming from Fort Wayne. He retired from Advanced Product Analysis at Navistar in Fort Wayne after 32 years of service.

He was a member of the Mid-America Windmill Museum and the Noble County Gas and Steam Association. His hobbies included antique gas engines, auto racing, drag racing semi trucks, blacksmithing and cooking.

He was born Aug. 13, 1944, in Greenville, S.C., to Richard Keith and Doris (Bennett) Hobson. They preceded him in death.

He married Sarah Porter on Sept. 19, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and two-sons-in-law, Kimberly and Brian Gaze of Fort Wayne, Mariah and Brian Walker of Rome City and Christina Bassett of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard R. and Jennifer Hobson of Avilla; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Mid-America Windmill Museum.

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Crash kills Fremont brothers

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HAMILTON — Two people died and two were injured in two separate automobile wrecks on S.R. 1 near Hamilton on Sunday.

Brothers Justin Vogel, 17, and Brandon Vogel, 12, of Fremont died in a late morning crash. Their brother Ryan Vogel, 15, was driving the vehicle they were passengers in. Ryan sustained minor injuries.

A report from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department said the accident occurred at the intersection of S.R. 1 and Metz Road at about 11:46 a.m. Ryan Vogel was driving a Chevy Corsica eastbound on Metz Road, and at the same time, a Dodge pickup truck driven by Frank Davis Sr., 56, of Hamilton was northbound on S.R.1.

There had been another pickup eastbound in front of the vehicle Ryan was driving that had stopped at the stop sign at the intersection, the report said, and then turned south from the intersection.

"It appears that Ryan Vogel pulled up into the intersection and then stopped at the stop sign. Ryan Vogel apparently did not see the Dodge pickup and then proceeded into the intersection to continue eastbound on Metz Road," the report said.

Davis attempted to stop but wa unable to avoid hitting the passenger sic of the Vogels' car, the report said. O impact, both vehicles spun off th roadway.

Brandon, who was a passenger in th back seat of the car, sustained massiv head and internal injuries and wa pronounced dead at the scene. Justin, wh

BROTHERS: *Unrelated accident ends in rollover, ejection*

was riding in the passenger seat, also suffered massive head and internal injuries, and was flown to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne via Samaritan Helicopter. He died shortly after his arrival at the hospital.

Ryan suffered abrasions and cuts to his face, arms, waist and legs. He was transported by Steuben County Emergency Medical Services to Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola, where he was treated and released.

Davis was not injured in the crash.

Representatives from the Angola Fire Department also assisted at the scene.

The accident is still under investigation.

Administrators at Fremont Community Schools were in meetings this morning to discuss how to deal with the tragedy and how to best help the students through, a school spokesperson said, and as such were not available for comment.

Sunday's fatal crash was the first of two serious accidents to occur on S.R. 1 Sunday.

At 4:16 p.m. Sunday, Russell Teegardin, 32, of Butler, was driving a 1996 Ford van northbound on S.R. 1 approaching C.R. 500S, a report from the Steuben County Sheriff's Department said. Meanwhile, Benjamin T. Garman, 27, of Hamilton, was driving a 1981 GMC truck eastbound on C.R. 500S.

"Garman stopped at the stop sign at C.R. 500S and S.R. 1," the report said. "Garman failed to see Teegardin's northbound vehicle and pulled out into the intersection."

Teegardin tried to avoid colliding with Garman's vehicle by steering to the right, the report said. Garman ended up striking Teegardin's vehicle on the driver's side, causing Teegardin's vehicle to roll over.

Teegardin was ejected from the vehicle. He suffered a severe head injury, and was flown to Parkview Hospital via Samaritan Helicopter. He was listed in critical condition there this morning.

A passenger in Teegardin's vehicle, James R. Wasson Jr., 32, of Butler, sustained abrasions to the hip and nose as well as a contusion to the top of his head. He was transported by Steuben County Emergency Medical Services to Cameron, where he was treated and released.

Garman was uninjured in the accident and refused medical treatment.

Also assisting at the scene were units from the Hamilton Police Department and Hamilton Fire and Rescue, as well as an Indiana conservation officer.

THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

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Agnes Sharpe

HART, Mich. — Agnes Sharpe, 91, of Hart died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Oceana Medical Care facility in Hart.

Mrs. Sharpe had worked at K.C. Baking Powder and later retired from Peter Eckrich in Fort Wayne, Ind., after nearly 25 years of service. She had moved to Michigan from Fort Wayne in 1970.

She enjoyed traveling and fishing and loved animals. She volunteered at the Council on Aging for nearly 20 years and was honored as Senior Volunteer of the Year in Muskegon.

Mrs. Sharpe was a member of St. Gregory Catholic Church.

She was born May 29, 1912, in Herron, Ill., to Kostant and Margaret (Balchus) Tariski. On Feb. 15, 1930, in Chicago, Ill., she married Robert S. Sharpe. He died in April 1985.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lillian and Donald "Sam" Duehmig of Indiana and Marian and Edwin Christman of Fort Wayne and formerly of McClish Lake, Ind.; and several grandchildren and their spouses, Deborah and Bruce Springer of Yoder, Ind., Elaine and Dave Showen of Huntertown, Ind., Maxine and Colby Keeney of Roanoke, Ind., Marjorie and Jeremy Newson of Boroughbridge, North York, England, Jane Christman of Albion, Ind., Eileen and Chris Hamilton of Avilla, Ind., Edwin Christman of Fort Wayne and Charles and Amy Duehmig of Avilla; 11 great-grandchildren; three stepgreat-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Saturday at St. Gregory Catholic Church with Father Ron Schneider officiating.

Memorials are to Nutritional Services for Older Americans or St. Gregory Catholic Church Masses.

Tate Funeral Chaple in Hart was in charge of arrangements.

Norman Plank

STURGIS, Mich. — Norman D. Plank, 57, of Sturgis died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at the home of his sister in Middlebury, Ind.

Mr. Plank had lived most of his life in Middlebury and was the former owner of Rite-Way Steel Inc. in Elkhart.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Middlebury American Legion Post.

Mr. Plant was born Oct. 19, 1946, in Goshen, Ind., to Amos and Sovilla (Yoder) Plank.

Surviving are a son, Scott A. Plank of Claypool, Ind.; four sisters, Verna Stout of Leo, Ind., Irma Plank of Middlebury, Ind., Barb Slabach of Goshen, Ind. and Edna Holohan of Alexandria, Va.; and three brothers, Marvin Plank, Floyd Plank and Ed Plank, all of Middlebury.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Rosie Plank and Denoa DeFreese.

There are no services.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Edythe Nartker

KENDALLVILLE — Edythe M. Nartker, 86, died at 5:20 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

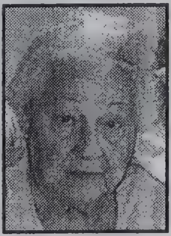
THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

APRIL 5 2004

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Mary Jackson

KENDALLVILLE — Mary Josephine "Pip" Henney Jackson, 87, of Kendallville died Friday, April 2, 2004, at 11 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.



Mrs. Jackson

Mrs. Jackson loved to garden, fish, cook and spend time with her family. She was the matriarch of her family and the oldest member of the Morr family.

She was born Jan. 6, 1917, in Kendallville to Stephen and Maude (Morr) Walchalk.

She married Roland J. Henney in June 1936. He died in February 1963.

She then married Lyle L. Jackson in 1966. He died in September 1971.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, John and Judy Henney of Kendallville; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Nellie Michael of Ligonier, Mary Ellen and Philip Deardorf of Los Gatos, Calif., Stephanie and Duane Jackson of Witmer Lake; Kathryn "Kathy" and Gary Dodd of Kendallville; a sister, Dorothy Tipton of El Paso, Texas; 12 grandchildren, Gregg Michael, Mary Cynthia Hilliard, David Deardorf, Lisa Shisler, Emily Newcomer, Lori Deusler, Jenny Schmidt, Joshua Henney, Sarah Henney, Mary Ellen Henney, Stephen Rockford "Rocky" Kegg and Mandy Kegg; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were held at 11 a.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Man dies from fall

Victim was riding with woman on golf cart

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SHIPSHEWANA — A Granger man died Monday from injuries he sustained Saturday when he fell off of a golf cart driven by an allegedly intoxicated driver.

William E. Stillson, 43, may have also been intoxicated as he was standing on the back of a golf cart driven by Marlene K. Grudzinski, 46, of Mishawaka, who has been charged with DWI, according to LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene.

Stillson fell off the cart around 1:13 a.m., severely injuring his head on a paved portion of Foxwood Hills Campground on C.R. 450N near C.R. 1150W, according to a LaGrange County Sheriff's Department report.

Stillson was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He died before noon Monday.

Grudzinski was given a test for alcohol that showed she had a .13 blood-alcohol level. She was arrested and booked into the LaGrange County Jail on a charge of operating while intoxicated at 3 a.m. She bonded out at 10:10 a.m. Saturday.

LaGrange County Prosecutor Jeff Wible said he ordered an autopsy on Stillson to determine if Stillson was intoxicated or had existing health conditions that contributed to his death. The results will help "to see what extent her driving caused his demise," Wible said.

Wible said he is not sure about the relationship between Stillson, Grudzinski and the third passenger.

Wible said he will wait for the autopsy to provide more facts before thinking about additional charges against Grudzinski

"I don't know if we're going to charge her. If there is a factual connection between her and his demise (then we will)," Wible said.

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Edythe Nartker

KENDALLVILLE — Edythe Mae (Franze) Nartker, 86, of Kendallville died at 5:20 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nartker

Mrs. Nartker was a lifetime Kendallville resident. She had worked in food service at McCray Memorial Hospital for eight years and joined the food service unit at Kendallville High School in 1959. She retired in 1975 as director of food service at East Noble High School.

She was a lifetime member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and a member and past president of the Immaculate Conception Rosary Sodality. She was a member of Harvest House, Ladies of the Elks, American Legion Post 86 Ladies Auxiliary and the Live and Learn Extension Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Nartker enjoyed music and dancing, especially to Elvis Presley. She enjoyed shopping, clothes, wintering in Daytona Beach, Fla., going out to dinner with friends and following her grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's sporting events. Her life was devoted to her family and friends.

She was born June 25, 1917, in Kendallville to William F. and Edythe A. (Diamond) Franze. On April 15, 1942, in Kendallville, she married Clarence W. Nartker. He died Sept. 17, 1986.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Edward and Gail Nartker of Fort Wayne and Dennis Michael Nartker of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Marianna and Jim Reick of Rome City; a brother, Frank Franze of Auburn; a sister, Faye Creager of Auburn; five grandchildren, Beth Anne and Dean Hoffman of Scottsdale, Ariz., Babette Weick of Fort Wayne, Natalie and Michael Axel of Kendallville, Brett Nartker of Auburn, and Derrick Reick of Kendallville; and seven great-grandchildren, Daniel Haisley of Fort Wayne, Lucas Weick of Fort Wayne, Hailey Hoffman of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Drew Sparkman, Trevor Sparkman, Jordan Axel and Benjaman Axel, all of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by five brothers, Richard, Everett, William, Herman and Devereau Franze; and three sisters, Marie Hosler, Ruth Doub and Jeanette Cox.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall of the church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the Rosary Sodality or to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct an error and to add calling hours.

Norman Plank

STURGIS, Mich. — Norman D. Plank, 57, of Sturgis died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at the home of his sister in Middlebury, Ind.

Mr. Plank had lived most of his life in Middlebury and was the former owner of Rite-Way Steel Inc. in Elkhart.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Middlebury American Legion Post.

Mr. Plant was born Oct. 19, 1946, in Goshen, Ind., to Amos and Sovilla (Yoder) Plank.

Surviving are a son, Scott A. Plank of Claypool, Ind.; four sisters, Verna Stout of Leo, Ind., Irma Plank of Middlebury, Ind., Barb Slabach of Goshen, Ind., and Edna Holohan of Alexandria, Va.; and three brothers, Marvin Plank, Floyd Plank and Ed Plank, all of Middlebury.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Rosie Plank and Elnora DeFreese.

There are no services.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

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APRIL 6 2004

Gladys Walker

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. — Gladys J. Walker, 97, of Tarpon Springs and formerly of Churubusco, Ind., died at 9:20 p.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Bay Tree Nursing Center in Palm Harbor following a sudden illness.

Mrs. Walker

Mrs. Walker had served as a nurses' aide at the former Linvill Memorial Hospital in Columbia City, Ind., and the Byron Health Center near Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was a member of Believer's Bible Fellowship Church and the Smith Township Extension Homemakers Club.

Mrs. Walker was born Aug. 9, 1906, in Whitley County, Ind., to Louis and Grace (Hyndman) Stockert. On Aug. 2, 1924, she married Otis Gatwood. They later divorced. She then married Lloyd V. Walker on June 30, 1946. Mr. Walker died Jan. 25, 1992, and Mr. Gatwood died Feb. 14, 1994.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Pastor George L. and Jane Gatwood of Tarpon Springs; two stepsons and their wives, Donald Sr. and Donna Walker of Churubusco and Leonard and Hannah Walker of Wolf Lake, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn and Pastor George Gatwood officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Lawrence Jordan

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lawrence Jordan, 65, of Wolcottville died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Jordan had been a police officer with the Fort Wayne Police Department for 21 years and had worked for Brooks Construction for nine years.

He was a member of the VFW in Fort Wayne and enjoyed fishing, golfing and woodworking.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis Jordan of Wolcottville; three sons, Todd Jordan of Fort Wayne, Tim Jordan of Howell, Mich., and Troy Jordan of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Edward Jordan of Huntertown and Joseph Jordan of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne with a memorial gathering from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

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Kenneth Amstutz Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth H. Amstutz Sr., 88, of Kendallville died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Betty Shank

ALBION — Betty Jane Shank, 68, of Albion died at 7:56 a.m. Monday, April 5, 2004, in Albion.

Mrs. Shank had retired from Parker Hannifin in Albion.

She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading the Bible, flower gardening and spending time with children.

She was born March 18, 1936, in Allen County to Sidney and Jessie (Arnold) Freeman.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Connie and Fred Langhor of Albion and Karen McKinney of Scottsdale, Ariz.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Tonya Shank of Albion; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Glen and Ethel Freeman of Churubusco and Lee Freeman of Arizona; two grandchildren, Brett McKinney and Rusty Shank; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister and brothers.

Private family services will be held. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Beckley

LAGRANGE — Margaret Aileen Beckley, 82, of LaGrange died at 10:50 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Beckley had worked at Essex Wire for 22 years and retired from Wolf Lake Products.

She was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada, to Thomas and Alvena (Peterson) Davidsen. She moved to Indiana in 1925. On Sept. 14, 1941, in Albion, she married Earl C. Beckley. He died Dec. 16, 1970.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Betty Beckley of LaGrange; two brothers, Robert Davidsen of Cromwell and Harold Davidsen of New Paris; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Jean Boomershine in September 1994, and a sister, Dorothy Huff in 1949.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with Pastor Stephen Flynn of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

Hartman Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mary Josephine "Pip" Henney Jackson** were held at 11 a.m. Monday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Joshua Henney, Fabian Garlitz, Gregg Michael, Ron Newcomer, Gary Dodd and Rocky Kegg.

Emma Bortner

KENDALLVILLE– Emma Jane Bortner, 83, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born February 3, 1921, in rural Albion to Russell and Stella (Long) Becker. She had attended Wawaka High School. On February 13, 1938, she married Maynard E. Bortner in Wawaka. He died February 27, 1989.

Mrs. Bortner was a homemaker and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ligonier.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Carolyn Bortner of Camden, Ohio, Larry and Melvin Bortner of Kendallville and Ronnie and Joan Bortner of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Kathryn Becker of Sebring, FL; a sister-in-law, Jane Becker of Kendallville; a special friend, Harlan Holts of Wolcottville; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Virgil and John Becker.

Services were held Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Stanley R. Wilson officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Presbyterian Church in Ligonier or to the Kidney Foundation.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Richard Hobson

AVILLA– Richard G. Hobson, 59, died Friday, April 2, 2004, at 2:58 p.m. from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He lived in Avilla for the last 25 years, coming from Fort Wayne. He retired from Advanced Product Analysis at Navistar in Fort Wayne after 32 years of service.

He was a member of the Mid-America Windmill Museum and the Noble County Gas and Steam Association. His hobbies included antique gas engines, auto racing, drag racing semi trucks, blacksmithing and cooking.

He was born August 13, 1944, in Greenville, S.C., to Richard Keith and Doris (Bennett) Hobson. They preceded him in death.

He married Sarah Porter on September 19, 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and two-sons-in-law, Kimberly and Brian Gaze of Fort Wayne, Mariah and Brian Walker of Rome City and Christina Bassett of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard R. and Jennifer Hobson of Avilla; and 12 grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday, April 6, 2004 at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Leonard King officiating.

Memorials are to the Mid-America Windmill Museum.

Jo Anne Miller

FORT WAYNE – Jo Anne Miller, 67, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller had retired in 1999 from Dana Corp. after 35 years of service.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles.

Mrs. Miller was a native of LaPorte.

Surviving are a son, Leon R. Miller of Angola; two daughters, Tina Riecke of Avilla and Lori J. Petro of Fort Wayne; two brothers, William Minich of Grabill and Ed Minich of Michigan; two sisters, Carole Potami of Orlando, FL, and Janet Merritt of Lafayette; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, April 3, 2004, at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo.

Betty Shank

ALBION – Betty Jane Shank, age 68, died Monday, April 5, 2004, in Albion.

She was born on March 18, 1936, in Allen County to Sidney Freeman and Jessie Arnold Freeman.

She was a retired laborer from Parker Hannifin in Albion.

She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church, and enjoyed flower gardening reading the Bible and kids.

She is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Connie and Fred Langhor of Albion, and Karen McKinney of Scottsdale, AZ; one son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Tonya Shank of Albion; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Glen and Ethel Freeman of Churubusco and Lee Freeman of AZ; two grandchildren, Brett McKinney and Rusty Shank; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers and one sister.

All services are private, and burial will take place in Eel River Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to Parkview Hospice.

Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, is in charge of the arrangements.

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Gladys Walker

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Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn and Pastor George Gatwood officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Allen County.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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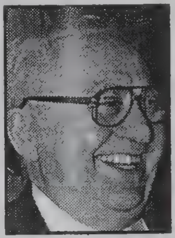
THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

APRIL 8 2004

Kenneth Amstutz Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth H. Amstutz Sr., 88, of Kendallville died at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at his home.



Mr. Amstutz

Mr. Amstutz was a farmer and had worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne 28 years. He had lived in the Avilla and Kendallville area since 1950, moving from Monroeville.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharist minister. He was also a member of Harvest House, the Holy Name Society, and the Sympathy Club at Dana.

Mr. Amstutz was born Oct. 24, 1915, in Decatur to William and Sophia (Zybenden) Amstutz. In February 1939, he married Meletine Boyle. She died Dec. 11, 1973.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shirley and David Cory of Albion, Sharon Fulk of Albion and Mona and Barry Ruble of Avilla; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Jr. and Karen Amstutz of Avilla, Michael and Linda Amstutz of Auburn and Richard and Nancy Amstutz of Kendallville; a sister, Ruth Scheimen of Florida; 30 grandchildren; and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Mendenhall; a son, Daniel Amstutz; three sisters, Stella Hall, Rose Kaiser and Freda Lewton; four brothers, Ervin, Elmer, Fred and Everett Amstutz; and three grandchildren, David Amstutz, Shelley Webster and Lisa Kreiger; and a great-grandson, Richard Perkins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Jacob Gall of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home where a rosary will be said at 7:30 p.m. today. Calling will also be from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice or Masses to the church.

Bonnie Morton

KENDALLVILLE — Bonnie L. Morton, 58, of Kendallville died Monday, April 5, 2004, at 8 a.m. in her home.

Born June 23, 1945, she worked as a waitress and had lived in Kendallville for five years.

She is survived by her mother, Maxine (Thompson) Franks of Garrett; a son, Steve Tarlton of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Cecillia Dillinger of Seattle, Wash.; a granddaughter, Nikki Dillinger, and a grandson, Kenny Dillinger, both of Seattle; two brothers, Larry Custer and Daniel Custer, both of Garrett; and a sister, Connie Custer.

She was preceded in death by her father, Greg Custer Sr.; a brother, Greg Custer Jr.; and a sister, Sharon Custer.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Chad Brock officiating.

Calling is Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect).

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net

Max Bortner

AVILLA — Max J. Bortner, 86, of Avilla died today, April 8, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Barbara Hatch

AUSTIN, Texas — Barbara Ann (Emerson) Hatch, 75, of Austin, Texas, died Monday, March 29, 2004.

Mrs. Hatch was born May 17, 1928, in Steuben County, to James and Eva (Holden) Emerson. She married Warren Hatch on May 19, 1951. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Duane Hatch of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Mark Hatch of San Antonio; two daughters, Debra Carrico and Kayrl Seibert, both of Austin; a brother, John Emerson of Westmoreland, Tenn.; four sisters, Lois Duntin of LaGrange; Emilyn Hughes of Hudson, Jessie German of LaFayette and Beth Gardner of Mohamet, Ill.; eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by one grandson.

Memorial services were held Friday at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Austin.

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APRIL 8 2004

Margaret Beckley

LAGRANGE — Margaret Aileen Beckley, 82, Life Care Center, died at her residence at 10:50 a.m. Saturday following a lengthy illness.

She was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada, to Thomas and Alvena Davidsen. In 1925, her family moved to Indiana.

On September 14, 1941, in Albion, she married Earl C. Beckley. He died December 16, 1970.

She was a factory worker, having worked at Essex Wire for 22 years and then retiring from Wolf Lake Products.

Survivors include one son, Richard (Patty) Beckley, LaGrange; five grandchidlren; ten great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Robert Davidsen, Cromwell, and Harold Davidsen, New Paris.

Preceding her in death were her husband; a daughter, Betty Jean Boomershine; and a sister Dorothy Huff.

Friends may call from 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday April 17, at Mount Zion Lutheran Church, LaGrange.

A memorial service is set for 10 a.m. Saturday April 17, at the church, with the Rev. Stephen Flynn of the church officiating.

Cremation has taken place with interment to be in Rose Hill Cemetary, Albion.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be sent to the American Parkinson‘s Disease Association.

Hartman Funeral Home, Goshen, was in charge of arrangements.

Emma Bortner

Mrs. Bortner

KENDALLVILLE — Emma Jane Bortner, 83, died Wednesday, March 31, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bortner was a homemaker. She had attended Wawaka High School and was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Ligonier.

She was born Feb. 3, 1921, in rural Albion to Russell and Stella (Long) Becker. On Feb. 13, 1938, in Wawaka, she married Maynard E. Bortner. He died Feb. 27, 1989.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Edward and Carolyn Bortner of Camden, Ohio, Larry and Melvin Bortner of Kendallville and Ronnie and Joan Bortner of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Kathryn Becker of Sebring, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Jane Becker of Kendallville; a special friend, Harlan Holts of Wolcottville; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Virgil and John Becker.

Services were Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Stanley R. Wilson officiating. Burial was at Sweet Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Presbyterian Church in Ligonier or to the Kidney Foundation.

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Go Kart crash kills girl, 11

BY YVONNE PASKE-SCHROEDER

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ANGOLA — A Go Kart accident near Metz Thursday claimed the life of an 11-year-old Angola girl, said a report by Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement conservation officers.

Bidlack

Kelly Ann Bidlack, the daughter of Douglas and Heidi Bidlack, died from injuries she sustained in the wreck in a field.

Officers said the accident occurred on private property in the 7000 block of East Dunham Road at around 6 p.m. The area is located north of Metz, just off of Old Road 1.

Conservation officers said the girl was operating the vehicle at a high rate of speed when she hit a dip in the field, digging the front end into the dirt, causing it to flip end-over-end. Bidlack was thrown from the Go Kart and sustained possible blunt force trauma to the head, police said.

Bidlack was pronounced dead at the scene by Steuben County Coroner Barb Julian.

Queenie Grigsby

JEFFERSONVILLE — Queenie Oliver Grigsby, 91, of Jeffersonville died Monday, April 5, 2004, at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville.

Mrs. Grigsby was formerly the librarian at the Ligonier Public Library. She later obtained her master's degree from the University of Michigan and retired from the Fort Wayne Public Library.

Following her retirement she moved to Jeffersonville where she volunteered at the Jeff Public Library.

She was born April 2, 1913, in Talca, South America, the daughter of George H. and Elena (Stephens) Oliver. She came to the United States in 1916 and graduated from Ligonier High School.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Olivia J. and John Porter of Jeffersonville; a grandson, John Porter III of Cambellsburg, Ky.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Cynthia Grigsby and Victoria Grigsby; a brother, Guy Oliver; and two sisters, Olga Oliver and Pearl Ena Oliver.

There are no services.

Scott Family Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Max Bortner

AVILLA — Max J. Bortner, 86, of Avilla and formerly of Albion died at 3:30 a.m. Thursday, April 8, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Bortner had been a self employed heavy equipment operator for more than 30 years. He had worked for the Town of Albion for five years and had also worked for Porterfield Distribution.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Albion Masonic Lodge No. 97 and the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

Mr. Bortner enjoyed gardening, fishing, reading and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Sept. 23, 1917, in Albion the son of Archie and Bernice (Neufer) Bortner. On June 1, 1936, in Coldwater, Mich., he married Virginia E. Getts. She survives in Albion.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Jack and Eileen Bortner of Bowling Green, Ky., John and Norma Bortner of Albion, James Bortner and his lifelong companion, Ilene, of Albion, and Jerry and Debbie Bortner of Standardsville, Va.; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen and Jack Stark of Auburn; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Howard Bortner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church General Fund or Provena Sacred Heart Home.

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Ruth Kammerer

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth B. Kammerer, 88, of Kendallville died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Kammerer was a native of Ohio and had lived in Iowa prior to moving to Indiana.

She was a homemaker and had helped her husband farm until retiring in 1976. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and enjoyed playing the organ, reading, sewing, playing cards and collecting owls.

Mrs. Kammerer was born Sept. 3, 1915, in Garfield Heights, Ohio, the daughter of Carl and Amanda (Senne) Detlefsen. She graduated from Grant High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. On May 7, 1939, in Cedar Rapids she married Harold W. Kammerer. He died Oct. 15, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Carol and Robert Price of Kendallville and Phyllis Hite of Nappanee; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Luanne Kammerer of Kendallville; two sisters, Ada Traver of Manchester, Iowa, and Lois Marks of Glenwood, N.M.; two sisters-in-law, Betty Keep of Kendallville and June Bricker of Kendallville; four grandsons, Robert Jr. and Donna Price of Wawaka, Steven and Kristi Isbell of Colleyville, Texas, Jason Hite of Nappanee and Bryan Kammerer of Terre Haute; five granddaughters, Debby and Dean Shipe of Ashley, Sherry and Tony Stump of LaOtto, Cindy and Phil Fisel of Goshen, Kelly Kammerer of Indianapolis, and Melinda Kammerer of Muncie; 8 great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Walter Detlefsen; two sisters, Ruth Detlefsen and Paula Rutz; and a granddaughter, Lori Kammerer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill or St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Dennis Davis

AVILLA — Dennis L. Davis, 63, of Avilla died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Davis was a factory worker and an accomplished artist.

He was born Feb. 22, 1941, in Indiana the son of Donald and Virginia (Jackson) Davis.

Surviving are a daughter, Danyel Davis of Austin, Texas; a half brother, Jack Harris of Vero Beach, Fla.; and a half sister, Robin Rednour of Vero Beach.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will be at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Cummins

HARLAN — Robert A. Cummins, 63, of Harlan died Thursday, April 8, 2004.

Mr. Cummins was a self-employed paint contractor for 35 years and was a security guard. He was born at Wolf Lake.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel T. Cummins; two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Teresa Cummins of Auburn and James and Terri Cummins of Harlan; a daughter and son-in-law, Jeanie and Dan Kraly of Antwerp, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Sarah, Josh, Maggie, Tim, Abby, Chris, Matt, Bethany, Tom and Jenna; two great-grandchildren, Tess and Isaac; two brothers, Larry and John; and two sisters, Peg and Kay.

Services be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Central Mennonite Church, 5801 Schwartz Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Don Delagrange officiating. Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan, and Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County and Parkview Home Health.

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Sarah Ritchie

LAGRANGE — Sarah Ritchie, 87, of LaGrange died Friday, April 9, 2004, at her home.

She was born April 7, 1917, in Handshoe, Ky. to Elias and Elizabeth (Shepard) Smith.

Surviving are her husband, Andrew Ritchie of LaGrange; three daughters, Marie Tuttle of Phoenix, Ariz., Hazel L. Miller of LaGrange and Marcella Griego of Highland Ranch, Colo; three sons, Ervin Ritchie of Orland, Linville Ritchie of LaGrange and Oliver David Ritchie of Kendallville; 21 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Ritchie

She was preceded in death by her parents and two infant daughters.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church. Elders Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker and Charles King, all of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be Sunday from 4-9 p.m. and Monday from 10 a.m.-noon and 4-6 p.m. with an evening service at 6 p.m., all at the church.

Hutchins Funeral Home of Wolcottville is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Kenneth H. Amstutz Sr.** were held Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Honorary pallbearers were James, Jason, Richard Jr. and Michael Jr. Amstutz. Pallbearers were Kenneth Jr. and Chad Fulk, Kenneth III, William and Joseph Amstutz, and Mark and Matthew Mendenhall.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Evia 'Ruth' Taner

ANGOLA — Evia "Ruth" Taner, 78, of Angola died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Taner had worked for Electrical Cord Sets in Angola, retiring after 15 years. She also was a homemaker and had worked as a waitress.

She was a member of Flint United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Taner was a loving mother who enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting.

She was born Jan. 10, 1926, in St. Joseph County to Clarence and Nina (Dunham) Ayers.

She married Robert Taner Feb. 21, 1946. He preceded her in death July 5, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ed McMillen of Angola; two sons, Carl Taner of Angola and Leslie Taner of Lafayette; a sister, Ramona Gehring of Wolcottville; a brother, Larry Ayers of Jonesville, Mich.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; five sister, Beatrice, Mary, Doris, Clare and Naomi; and five brothers, Allen, Raymond, Earnest, Richard and Wayne Ayers.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Flint United Methodist Church, 510 N. C.R. 750W, Flint. Pastor James Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be Thrusday from noon-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 2050 Pfingsten Road, Suite 127, Glenview, IL 60025.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

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Girl's death is family's second tragedy

BY YVONNE PASKE-SCHROEDER

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ANGOLA — Kelli Ann Bidlack never knew her grandmother because of a tragedy that struck the family. And now, Kelli is gone because of a second tragedy to strike the Bidlack family.

The family of Doug and Heidi Bidlack of rural Angola and Doug's father, Walter of Angola, suffered their second family tragedy in 13 years Thursday, when their daughter and granddaughter, Kelli, 11, lost her life in a go-cart mishap.

Walter's wife, Martha Ann Bidlack, was killed when a tornado struck the couple's Pleasant Lake home in March 1991. "We've been through this before," a grieved Walter Bidlack said Friday.

A normally joyful event, the purchase of a new home site, brought Kelli's family together at the property of Matt and Linda Bidlack, her uncle and aunt, on East Dunham Road near Metz at around 6 p.m. Thursday.

Kelli Bidlack

According to Indiana Department of Natural Resources reports, Kelli was driving a go-cart at a high rate of speed when the cart hit a dip in the field, causing the left front side to dig into the ground and turn the vehicle end over end.

TRAGEDY: *Kelli was unfamiliar with the go-cart*

Kelli was thrown from the vehicle, suffering head injuries. Steuben County Coroner Barb Julian pronounced her dead at the scene.

Friday, Kelli's mother remembered her daughter, a home-schooled sixth-grader, for many fine and endearing qualities.

"Kelli was just a really happy, sweet girl and just loved everybody and loved life," Heidi Bidlack said. "She liked crafts and farm animals and liked to play with her brothers and sisters. She was the oldest and a great help to me."

Although the family discussed 4-H membership, Kelli had not yet joined a club. However, "she loved animals of any kind," her mother said. "We have chickens and daddy and grandpa have cattle. We have cats and litters of puppies. She helped the neighbors farm and bale."

She was enjoying the work she loved when she went to her uncle's home Thursday.

"(Some of the family) were out there getting ready to set some things up to work on the home, and laying out some stakes to start digging the basement," Heidi Bidlack said. "She had been working with her dad and was with him when he went to his brother's place."

Kelli's unfamiliarity with the go-cart may have contributed to the accident, Heidi said. "She'd never ridden one before, and it was the inexperience and going a little too fast," she said. Heidi Bidlack was not present when the accident occurred.

Walter Bidlack, standing among the family group who witnessed the accident, said holding his granddaughter back from the things she loved could not avert the tragedy.

"You can't live it for them," he said. "She wanted to ride."

EDITOR'S NOTE: *Due to an error in a police report, Kelli Ann Bidlack's name was published incorrectly in this newspaper's initial report on the accident Friday. The News-Sun regrets the error.*

LaGrange man dies in rollover crash

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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LAGRANGE — A LaGrange man died early Saturday morning in a fiery car crash on C.R. 100S, just west of S.R. 3.

Edward F. Hart, 34, perished in the accident, which occurred at about 4:10 a.m. A passing motorist called the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department to report the crash, said LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene.

First on the scene was Deputy David Worman, who found Hart's vehicle engulfed in flames, with Hart inside.

Dhaene said from what officers can ascertain, "It looks as though (Hart) left the road, went into a field, got back onto the roadway and the vehicle rolled onto its side." That was when the vehicle, a two-door Suzuki four-wheel drive model along the lines of a Samurai or a Sidekick, apparently caught fire.

"He didn't hit anything," Dhaene said.

FATAL: *Not much is known about Hart at the present*

Worman called for police backup and also called the LaGrange County Fire Department for assistance, Dhaene said.

Dhaene described the stretch of road where the accident happened as "straight, flat, level and dry."

Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the crash. Since blood-alcohol testing of the victim is not possible, other methods will be used to determine if that is indeed the case, Dhaene said.

"We're looking at (alcohol) as a potential option for the cause of the accident," Dhaene said. "We're speaking to several people ... family members and friends."

Dhaene said there were no witnesses to the accident, which makes investigation a bit more difficult.

"No one actually saw the accident," he said. "We need to speak to the people who last saw (Hart) before the accident. We believe he may have left Kendallville sometime shortly after 3 (a.m.)."

Another possibility, Dhaene said, was that there may have been mechanical defects with the vehicle.

"We've heard from some of the people we've talked to that there were some mechanical defect issues with the vehicle," he said. "(Hart) was aware of them, and he preceded to drive the vehicle anyway."

Dhaene said not much is known about Hart at the present time.

"(Hart) was probably within 4 or 4 1/2 miles from home," he said. "I also believe he was single, but I'm not 100 percent sure of that."

Mabel Coulter

FORT WAYNE — Mabel A. Coulter, 91, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville.

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Howe Lions founder helped others

BY MAGGIE SHEPARD
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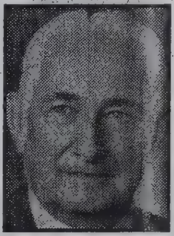
HOWE — For 60 years Melvin Bricker heard the bell ring at meetings of the Howe Lions Club, a club he helped start.

The bell rang for him for the last time Monday, marking the passing of the last of the Howe Lions Club founders and for his family, the passing of their steady, stoic supporter.

Remembered as a man with an unwavering work ethic and pride and a dedication to his neighbors, family and God, Mr. Bricker was also playful and social.

"He would keep gum in his pockets for the little kids. They'd come up to him at church and ask for gum," said Mr. Bricker's only daughter, Carolyn Faust of Howe.


Mr. Bricker

Mr. Bricker and his wife, Marjorie, were married at Howe United Methodist Church in 1937 and attended the church throughout their life in the town.

For 33 years Mr. Bricker ran Howe Market, a grocery and meat store, which took up a lot of him time, except on Sundays.

"I remember he would be at work when I got up for school and would be there when I went to bed," said Mr. Bricker's son, David Bricker of Howe.

Mr. Bricker worked to expand the store and keep the shelves stocked with quality meat and goods. David remembers that his father also worked to help any struggling neighbors.

"He would put a ham on their porch and run," David said. He also had a Santa suit, which he would wear to deliver presents and food to neighborhood kids and families.

"For those who were suffering from misfortune, he wanted to help," Carolyn said.

The Brickers sold the store in 1964 and Mr. Bricker went into insurance and real estate. Later in his life he took a job with the Department of Weights and Measures and worked for about 10 years "longer than he should have," David said.

After truly retiring, Mr. a
Mrs. Bricker took a cros
country trip.

"He had an adventuro
spirit and liked the outdoor
Carolyn said.

Mr. Bricker was honor
with the Melvin Jones Fello
ship award for communi
service in 1990. He and h
wife were the grand marsha
in the Howe Days parade
1998 and he was a speci
guest in another parade.

Mr. and Mrs. Bricker we
into assisted living care
2003, but not before M
Bricker got in a lot of coff
talk at Town Square Resta
rant with his buddies.

"He just loved to socializ
David said.

The Brickers' other son,
Melvin Bricker, lives
Oakland, Calif.

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Evia 'Ruth' Taner

ANGOLA — Evia "Ruth" Taner, 78, of Angola died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

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She was a member of Flint United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Taner

Mrs. Taner was a loving mother who enjoyed sewing, knitting and crocheting.

She was born Jan. 10, 1926, in St. Joseph County to Clarence and Nina (Dunham) Ayers.

She married Robert Taner on Feb. 21, 1946. He preceded her in death July 5, 2000.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ed McMillen of Angola; two sons, Carl Taner of Angola and Leslie Taner of Lafayette; a sister, Ramona Gehring of Wolcottville; a brother, Larry Ayers of Jonesville, Mich.; eight grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; five sister, Beatrice, Mary, Doris, Clare and Naomi; and five brothers, Allen, Raymond, Earnest, Richard and Wayne Ayers.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Flint United Methodist Church, 510 N. C.R. 750W, Flint. Pastor James Hulbert will officiate. Burial will be in Flint Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from noon-2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 2050 Pfingsten Road, Suite 127, Glenview, IL 60025.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Morse

FREMONT — Edward L. Morse, 58, of Fremont died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Morse

Mr. Morse was a truck driver for Consolidated Freightways in Fremont, retiring in 2003.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and woodworking.

He was born Oct. 19, 1945, in Wyandotte, Mich., to William S. and Ella (Stamm) Morse.

He married Brenda Parsons on Sept. 1, 1989, in Fremont. She survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are four daughters and a son-in-law, Patty Fugate, Wendy Emerick, Krystal Morse and Bridget and Donald Imse, all of Fremont; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Deannie Morse of Hicksville, Ohio; and eight grandchildren, Ashley, Lacey, Brandy, James, Shalyn, Brandon, Amber and John.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and three brothers.

Services will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor Dave Rose officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Kelli Bidlack

ANGOLA — Kelli Ann Bidlack, 11, of Angola, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in Steuben County.

Bidlack

Miss Bidlack was born Dec. 5, 1992, in DeKalb County to Douglas and Heidi (Bowerman) Bidlack. Both of her parents survive.

She was a home-schooled student, and was in the fifth grade. She was a Christian, and accepted Christ as her savior last summer. She enjoyed doing crafts, knitting and crocheting. She loved animals.

Also surviving are three brothers, Luke, Andrew and Eli Bidlack, all at home; a sister, Gina Bidlack, at home; her maternal grandmother, Rose Bowerman of Ashley; a paternal grandfather, Walter Bidlack of Angola; and great-grandmothers Lois Bidlack of Defiance, Ohio, and Garnette Baumgardner of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Gerald Bowerman, and her paternal grandmother, Martha Bidlack.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola. Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in North Otsego Cemetery, Steuben County.

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Merval Hayes

Merval EuGene Hayes, 67, of Hudson, died Friday, April 9, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Hayes

Mr. Hayes worked for Vet Poultry Supply in Goshen, and was also an independent insurance agent.

He was a lifetime member of the Masonic Lodge No. 614, and was a member of Grace Christian Church. He was also president of the Hudson Planning Commission. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was active as a helper in his church and community.

Mr. Hayes was born June 6, 1936, in Wabash County, to Lavern and Mary (Foust) Hayes.

He was married to Atta "Tatsy" Bradford on Aug. 16, 1963, in Goshen, and she survives. Mrs. Hayes is the clerk-treasurer in Hudson.

Also surviving are a daughter, Teresa A. Hayes of Sherman, Texas; three sons and daughters-in-law, Donald L. and Lauren Hayes of Sherman, Brian E. and Robin Hayes of Hudson and Brice E. and Michelle Hayes of Helmer; a brother and sister-in-law, Merrill and Linda Hayes; and six grandchildren, Crystal Allison, Summer Hayes, Sierra Hayes, Kelsie Hayes, Logan Hayes and Morgan Hayes.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Dale Dean Hayes.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Grace Christian Church, 126 E. Mitchell St., Kendallville, with pastors Chris Mosley, Scott Mosley and Nathan Mosley officiating.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson and Tuesday beginning at 3 p.m. in the church.

Burial will be in Wright Cemetery of Stroh.

Memorials are to the Hudson Fire Department or Grace Christian Church.

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Edward Hart

LAGRANGE — Edward Franklin Hart, 34, of LaGrange died at 4:10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2004, in a traffic accident on C.R. 100S at S.R. 3.

Mr. Hart was a salesman for Down of the Farm wood products and was a woodworker.

He was born Feb. 23, 1970, in LaGrange to James Franklin and Mary Ellen (Johnson) Hart. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Claudia Hart, Sue Hart and Della and Gregg Pierce, all of Kendallville, Debbie and Michael Stroup of Howe, and Tamara Hart-Goodman of Louisville, Ky.; two brothers, Ty Hart of White Pigeon, Mich., and Jay Hart of LaGrange; 14 nephews and nieces; and one great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Glenn Kesler

AVILLA — Glenn W. Kesler, 87, of Avilla, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Kesler had been a farmer and a 45-year member of the Farm Bureau.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville and a former member of Eagles Lodge 2455.

Mr. Kesler was born Feb. 14, 1917, in Orange Township, Brimfield, to Glenn and Pearl (Overmyer) Kesler Sr. On Feb. 3, 1943, in Angola, he married Ruth G. Forker. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a half brother, Elwood Shanafelt, address unknown; and several nieces and nephews, including two special nieces, Judy Forker and Janet Moorhouse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to the services Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rick Kain

ORLAND — Rick D. Kain, 50, of Orland, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Kain was born Feb. 7, 1954, in Angola to Cleon E. and Hazel (Stayner) Kain. His mother survives in Orland.

He married Janet Aaron on Sept. 21, 1973, in Angola. She also survives.

He was the owner of the Wall Lake Tavern in Orland, and was a farmer. He was also a truck driver at Parr Farm Supply in Orland. He was a former manager for Klink Trucking in Elkhart.

He was a member of the Orland American Legion Sons of the American Legion. His hobbies included antique tractors, fishing, farming and truck driving.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Craig and Beth Kain and Corey and Mollie Kain, all of Angola; two grandchildren, Blake and Madison Kain; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Connie and Jerry Bystry of Orland and Karol and William Booth and Corrine and Peter Putnam, all of Angola; and a brother and sister-in-law, Kevin and Kellie Kain of Orland.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Orland Fire and Rescue or the Orland Town Park.

Mabel Coulter

FORT WAYNE — Mabel Coulter, 91, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Saint Anne Home in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Coulter had lived at Saint Anne Home for six years. She had lived in Fort Wayne from 1983 to 1998 and prior to that at Skinner Lake.

She was a self-employed cook. She loved to bake and give her creations to others. She also loved animals and to fish. She was a member of First Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Coulter was born Aug. 24, 1912, in Noble County to Carl C. and Bessie Opal (Fisher) Hoffman. On Dec. 13, 1958, in Fort Wayne, she married Earl Coulter. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sisters, Donna Bodhe of Fort Wayne, Eva Donley of Avilla and Garnet Stephans of Huntertown; a special friend, Margaret Haldeman of Fort Wayne; nieces and nephews, Robert G. and Marsha Hoffman, Kenneth R. and Ruth Hoffman, Richard and Carol Hoffman and Patty and David Starkey, all of Columbia City, and several other nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great nieces and nephew.

Also preceding her in death was an infant daughter; two sisters, Gladys Gunder and Ruby Ward; and two brothers, Earlin Hoffman and Raymond Hoffman.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

Memorials are to the First Baptist Church or the Whitley County Humane Society in memory of her dog, Rusty.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Kelli Bidlack

ANGOLA — Kelli Ann Bidlack, 11, of Angola, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, in Steuben County.

Miss Bidlack was born Dec. 5, 1992, in DeKalb County to Douglas and Heidi (Bowerman) Bidlack. Both of her parents survive.

She was a home-schooled student, and was in the fifth grade. She was a Christian, and accepted Christ as her savior last summer. She enjoyed doing crafts, knitting and crocheting. She loved animals.

Miss Bidlack

Also surviving are three brothers, Luke, Andrew and Eli Bidlack, all at home; a sister, Gina Bidlack, at home; her maternal grandmother, Rosalie Bowerman of Ashley; paternal grandparents, Walt and Penny Bidlack of Angola; and great-grandmothers Lois Bidlack of Defiance, Ohio, and Garnette Baumgardner of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Gerald Bowerman, and her paternal grandmother, Martha Bidlack.

Services will be at 4 p.m. today in Fairview Missionary Church, Angola. Calling was Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in North Otsego Cemetery, Steuben County.

Arthur Anderson

PARKER CITY — Arthur A. "Art" Anderson, 57, of Parker City died Friday, April 9, 2004, following a sudden illness.

Mr. Anderson had retired from New Venture Gear in Muncie. He was a member of Local 499 of the United Auto Workers and had served as the union chairman and on the Cap Council of the union.

He was a 1965 graduate of Selma High School. He was a former member of the Parker City Fire Department.

Mr. Anderson was born Feb. 6, 1947, in Delaware County to Arthur and Bonnie Anderson. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Wolcottville. His wife of 37 years, Tammy Cheesman Anderson of Parker City, also survives.

Other survivors are two sons and daughters-in-law, Brent and Melinda Anderson of Wolcottville and Sean and Holly Anderson of Kingwood, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Anne Anderson of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Larry Mathews of Wolcottville; five grandchildren, Alexx, Samantha, Joel, Christopher and Seth Anderson; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were today at Thornburg/Lightner Funeral Home, Parker City, with the Rev. Sherrie Drake officiating. Burial was in Riverside Cemetery near Losantville.

Memorials are to the Parker City Fire Department First Responders Unit in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to Lightner Funerals@comcast.net.

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Frances Thompson

KENDALLVILLE — Frances E. Thompson, 89, of Kendallville died Monday, April 12, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson had been a hostess at McDonald's and Wendy's restaurants in Kendallville. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born in Claypool on Jan. 25, 1915, to George Washington and Lena May (Stahl) Droud. She married Albert Gerald Thompson on Sept. 1, 1933, in Warsaw. He preceded her death Aug. 2, 1971.

Surviving are a daughter, Chyrle E. Thompson of Kendallville; a son, John G. Thompson of Indianapolis; three grandchildren, John J. North of LaGrange, Caleb Wayne Thompson and his wife, Sheryl, stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Anthony I. Thompson of Fort Wayne; and three great-grandchildren, Matthew and Zachary North of LaGrange and Draven I. Thompson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with President Jeff Murphy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Kendallville will officiate the funeral. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com

James Clouse

HUDSON — James E. "Jim" Clouse, 43, of Hudson died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at 8:28 p.m. in the emergency room at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Clouse worked at Covington Box in Waterloo for 20 years and had served in the U.S. Navy.

He was born Oct. 13, 1960, in Fort Wayne to James E. Clouse Sr. and Thelma (Keller) Clouse.

He married Kim Shibler on June 3, 1989, in the Salem Center Presbyterian Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kyle Clouse and Corey Shibler, both at home; his father and stepmother, James E. Clouse Sr. and Theo Clouse of rural Hudson; a brother, William, of Orlando, Fla.; three sisters, Diana Miller of Wolcottville, Darlene Leaders of Hudson and Debby Marker of Gas City; five stepsisters, Linda Powell, Barbara Boose, Marsha Huguenard and Cynthia Lepley, all of Waterloo, and Annette Timmis of Lima, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his mother in 1986.

Services will be Thursday at 7 p.m. in Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Howard Compton will officiate.

Calling will be Thursday after 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the children's education fund.

Rena Markley

LAGRANGE — Rena Wilma Markley, 101, of LaGrange died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Markley was a homemaker and had spent her life in the Shipshewana area.

She was a member of Scott United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She was a longtime Sunday school teacher and superintendent. She had authored the Lambright and Nelson family history.

Mrs. Markley was born March 12, 1903, in Shipshewana to Samuel and Sylva (Yoder) Nelson. On Dec. 29, 1919, in LaGrange County, she married Sidney Edward Markley. He died July 29, 1962.

Mrs. Markley

Surviving are four daughters, Julia Baldwin of Shipshewana, Betty Harter of LaGrange, Sylva Maxine Markley of LaGrange, and Ruth Larson of Hockley, Texas; a son, James L. Markley of Middlebury; 16 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sons, Sidney Markley Jr., Robert Markley and Dwayne Markley; and two brothers, Carl Nelson and Lee Nelson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Scott United Methodist Church in Scott with the Rev. Brenda Burnworth officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery, Scott.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Scott United Methodist Church.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Edward Hart

LAGRANGE — Edward Franklin Hart, 34, of LaGrange died at 4:10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2004, in a traffic accident on C.R. 100S at S.R. 3.

Mr. Hart was a salesman for Down of the Farm wood products and was a woodworker.

He was born Feb. 23, 1970, in LaGrange to James Franklin and Mary Ellen (Johnson) Hart. They survive in LaGrange.

Also surviving are five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Claudia Hart, Sue Hart and Della and Gregg Pierce, all of Kendallville, Debbie and Michael Stroup of Howe, and Tamara Hart-Goodman of Louisville, Ky.; two brothers, Ty Hart of White Pigeon, Mich., and Jay Hart of LaGrange; 14 nephews and nieces; and one great-nephew.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

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Willis Allen

KENDALLVILLE — Willis S. Allen, 91, of Kendallville and formerly of Palos Heights, Ill., died Monday, April 12, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home. He had been a resident at the home one year.

Mr. Allen had retired as an electronics technician from Lucent Technologies in Chicago.

He was born Aug. 15, 1912, to Willis and Elfrieda (Christensen) Allen. On Jan. 30, 1937, in Bradley, Ill., he married Edith Marie McCleary. She died Jan. 23, 1967.

Surviving are a granddaughter and her husband, Kim and Eric Clapp of Kendallville; and a grandson and his wife, Dennis and Jeanette Swanson of Searcy, Ark.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra L. Thompson, on Jan. 22, 2001, and a brother, Emery Allen.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at a later date at Cedar Park Cemetery in Chicago.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Iva Domer

SHIPSHEWANA — Iva Jean Domer, 93, of Shipshewana died at 1:25 a.m. Sunday, April 11, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Domer was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 18, 1911, in Decatur to James and Flora (Henderson) Hudson. On June 2, 1934, in LaGrange, she married Lawrence Domer. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lyle and Patricia Domer of Stanton, Mich., and Robert and Bonnie Domer of Thousand Palms, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Ruth and Steven Hostetler of Goshen; a sister, Mary Velie of Sturgis, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Graveside memorial services will be April 24 at 11 a.m. at Lupold Cemetery near Shipshewana.

No calling.

Memorials are to the School of Opportunity or the American Heart Association.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe is in charge of arrangements.

Marie Olds

CORONA, Calif. — Marie Olds, 88, of Corona died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, in Life Care Center in Corona.

Mrs. Olds was a homemaker and had lived in Corona six years.

She was born April 7, 1915, in DeKalb County, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Henry Olds.

Surviving are a son, James Olds of Crestline; two daughters, Sally Barr of Lake Elsinore and Kathy Wise of Texas; two sisters, Joanna Vancil of Tulsa, Okla., and Margaret Dilgard of Phoenix, Ariz.; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sunday, March 21, at Thomas Miller Mortuary.

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Kenneth Amstutz, Sr.

KENDALLVILLE– Kenneth H. Amstutz Sr., 88, of Kendallville died Tuesday, April 6, 2004, in his home.

Mr. Amstutz was a farmer and had worked at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne for 28 years. He had lived in the Avilla and Kendallville area since 1950, moving from Monroeville.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where he served as a Eucharist minister. He was also a member of Harvest House, the Holy Name Society, and the Sympathy Club at Dana.

Mr. Amstutz was born October 24, 1915, in Decatur to William and Sophia (Zybenden) Amstutz.

In February 1939, he married Meletine Boyle. She died December 11, 1973.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Shirley and David Cory of Albion, Sharon Fulk of Albion and Mona and Barry Ruble of Avilla; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Jr. and Karen Amstutz of Avilla, Michael and Linda Amstutz of Auburn and Richard and Nancy Amstutz of Kendallville; a sister, Ruth Scheimen of Florida; 30 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Mendenhall; a son, Daniel Amstutz; three sisters, Stella Hall, Rose Kaiser and Freda Lewton; four brothers, Ervin, Elmer, Fred and Everett Amstutz; and three grandchildren, David Amstutz, Shelley Webster and Lisa Kreiger; and a great-grandson, Richard Perkins.

Services were held Friday, April 9, 2004 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Jacob Gall of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice or to masses through the church.

Dennis Davis

AVILLA – Dennis L. Davis, 63, of Avilla died Sunday, April 4, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Davis was a factory worker and an accomplished artist.

He was born February 22, 1941, in Indiana the son of Donald and Virginia (Jackson) Davis.

Surviving are a daughter, Danyel Davis of Austin, Texas; a half brother, Jack Harris of Vero Beach, FL; and a half sister, Robin Rednour of Vero Beach.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will be at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Mabel Coulter

FORT WAYNE – Mabel A. Coulter, 91, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Saint Anne Home, in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Coulter had lived at Saint Anne Home for six years. She had lived in Fort Wayne from 1983 to 1998 and prior to that at Skinner Lake.

She was born August 24, 1912, in Noble County, to Carl C. and Bessie Opal (Fisher) Hoffman. On December 13, 1958, she married Earl Coulter in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sisters, Donna Bodhe of Fort Wayne, Eva Donley of Avilla, Garnet Stephans of Huntertown; nieces and nephews, Robert G. and Marsha Hoffman, Kenneth S. and Ruth Hoffman, Richard and Carol Hoffman, Patty and David Starkey, all of Columbia City; special friend, Margaret Haldeman of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; infant daughter; sisters, Gladys Gunder and Ruby Ward; and brothers, Earlin and Raymond Hoffman.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville. There will be a graveside service at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Eel River Cemetery, Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials are to First Baptist Church, Fort Wayne or Whitley County Humane Society in memory of her dog, Rusty.

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Max Bortner

ALBION – Max J. Bortner, 86, of Albion, died Thursday, April 8, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

A lifetime Albion resident, he was born September 23, 1917, to Archie and Bernice (Neufer) Bortner.

On June 1, 1936, he was married to Virginia E. Getts in Coldwater, Michigan. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Bortner was a self-employed heavy equipment operator for over 30 years. He was employed by the town of Albion for five years and also worked for Porterfield Distribution.

He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion Masonic Lodge #97 and Fort Wayne Scottish Rite. His hobbies included gardening, fishing, reading and his grandchildren.

Also surviving are four sons, Jack (Eileen) Bortner of Bowling Green, KY, John (Norma) Bortner of Albion, James and life-long companion Ilene of Albion and Jerry (Debbie) Bortner of Stanardsville, VA; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Helen (Jack) Stark of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Howard Bortner.

Masonic services were conducted by the Albion Masonic Lodge #97 on Saturday, April 10, 2004, at the funeral home. Funeral services were held Monday, April 12, 2004, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, with the Rev. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church General Fund or to the Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home.

Margaret Beckley

LAGRANGE – Margaret Aileen Beckley, 82, of LaGrange died Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Beckley had worked at Essex Wire for 22 years and retired from Wolf Lake Products.

She was born January 16, 1922, in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada, to Thomas and Alvena (Peterson) Davidsen. She moved to Indiana in 1925. On September 14, 1941, in Albion, she married Earl C. Beckley. He died December 16, 1970.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Betty Beckley of LaGrange; two brothers, Robert Davidsen of Cromwell and Harold Davidsen of New Paris; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Betty Jean Boomershine in September 1994, and a sister, Dorothy Huff in 1949.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with Pastor Stephen Flynn of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

Hartman Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Glenn Kesler

AVILLA – Glenn W. Kesler, 87, of Avilla, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mr. Kesler had been a farmer and a 45-year member of the Farm Bureau.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 of Kendallville and a former member of Eagles Lodge 2455.

Mr. Kesler was born February 14, 1917, in Orange Township, Brimfield, to Glenn and Pearl (Overmyer) Kesler Sr. On February 3, 1943, in Angola, he married Ruth G. Forker. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a half brother, Elwood Shanafelt, address unknown; and several nieces and nephews, including two special nieces, Judy Forker and Janet Moorhouse.

Services were held Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville. Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneral-

Robert Vance

LIGONIER — Robert A. Vance, 82, of Ligonier died at 1:25 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Vance had been a press operator at Bendix Corp. of South Bend.

He graduated in 1942 from Ligonier High School and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Vance was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. He was a member and past Worshipful Master of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185, a charter member of the Noble County Shrine Club, the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, the Mizpah Shrine Temple and the Keystone Kops parade unit. He was also a member and past commander of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and had been a member of the 40 & 8.

He enjoyed listening to Big Band music, fishing, listening to the Indianapolis 500 race, watching nature and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Vance was born Feb. 27, 1922, in Noble County to Harry Stanton and Mildred (Moore) Vance. On Sept. 30, 1945, in Merriam, he married Edith Keister. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Lengacher of Ligonier, Cindy and Brian Rasler of Topeka, Karen and Les Hamell of Kimmell and Susan Vance of Ligonier; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Poppy.

Services will be at 7:15 p.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at a later date at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Crippled Children Hospitals.

Hazel Mankowski

AVILLA — Hazel M. Mankowski, 98, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at 3:30 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

She was a lifetime resident of Altona before moving to Avilla eight years ago.

Mrs. Mankowski was a homemaker. She was a charter member and past president of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, REAC and DeKalb Retired Citizens. She was a member of Garrett United Methodist Church and the Methodist Women.

Mrs. Mankowski

Born March 22, 1906, in LaGrange, she was the daughter of Jesse E. and Ora E. (Jimerson) Foster.

On July 10, 1924, in Coldwater, Mich., she married Michael Mankowski. He died March 31,1982.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Allen Haney of Kendallville and Margaret and Richard Schemehorn of Wolcottville; a brother, Frank Foster of Kendallville; two grandsons, Mike Haney of Kendallville and Bruce Schemehorn of Fishers; three granddaughters, Tina Armstrong of West Lafayette, Dr. Tisa Ladd of Kokomo; and Cheryl Cook of Plymouth; 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, George Foster; a granddaughter, Paula Haney; and a great-grandson, Mark Haney.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

William Fisher

LIGONIER — Services are pending for William "Billy" Fisher, 81, of Ligonier, who died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Fisher was named Ligonier's Citizen of the Year in 2003 by the city's Chamber of Commerce. He was a longtime member of the Ligonier Volunteer Fire Department, and worked at Monsanto in Ligonier before retiring.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta, and one daughter, Carol Gunder of Ligonier.

Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Glenn Kesler** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with Jim Holt and Chris Janssen officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tom Mortimore, Gerry McHenney, Phil Morr, Stevie Martin, Richard Yanuszeski and Jack Kurtz.

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Richard Marks

FORT WAYNE — Richard G. Marks, 75, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Marks retired in 1990 after more than 46 years at Zollner Corp.

He was a Fort Wayne native.

Surviving are his wife, Norma Jean Marks of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald G. and Tana Marks of LaOtto; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheryl and Dave Kuntz of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Leigh Marks of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Marks; and a brother.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery in DeKalb County.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice or St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Louise Zettel

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Louise C. Zettel, 83, of Clearwater and formerly of the Wolcottville, Ind., area, died Saturday, March 27, 2004, at Curlew Care Nursing Home in Clearwater where she had resided the past three years.

Mrs. Zettel had formerly lived at Big Long Lake where she owned and operated the Two Indians Laundromat and Mobile Home Park for 30 years. Prior to that, she and her husband had owned and operated a Coast to Coast hardware store in Lisle, Ill.

She was born May 2, 1920, in Chicago to George and Marie Schmidt. On Sept. 1, 1949, in Chicago, she married Floyd J. Zettel. He died Nov. 27, 1974.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Louise and Jay Murdock of Mt. Baldy, Calif., Linda and Arthur Grimshaw of Clearwater, and Lorelei and Duane Forbes of Wolcottville; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Private services will be held at a later date.

The National Cremation Society was in charge of arrangements.

Ruth Kammerer

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth B. Kammerer, 88, of Kendallville died Wednesday, April 7, 2004, at Shepherd of he Hill nursing home.

Mrs. Kammerer was a native of Ohio and had lived in Iowa prior to moving to Indiana.

She was a homemaker and had helped her husband farm until retiring in 1976. She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and enjoyed playing the organ, reading, sewing, playing cards and collecting owls.

Mrs. Kammerer was born Sept. 3, 1915, in Garfield Heights, Ohio, the daughter of Carl and Amanda (Senne) Detlefsen. She graduated from Grant High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. On May 7, 1939, in Cedar Rapids she married Harold W. Kammerer. He died Oct. 15, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Carol and Robert Price of Kendallville and Phyllis Hite of Nappanee; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and Luanne Kammerer of Kendallville; two sisters, Ada Traver of Manchester, Iowa, and Lois Marks of Glenwood, N.M.; two sisters-in-law, Betty Keep of Kendallville and June Bricker of Kendallville; four grandsons, Robert Jr. and Donna Price of Wawaka, Steven and Kristi Isbell of Colleyville, Texas, Jason Hite of Nappanee and Bryan Kammerer of Terre Haute; five granddaughters, Debby and Dean Shipe of Ashley, Sherry and Tony Stump of LaOtto, Cindy and Phil Fisel of Goshen, Kelly Kammerer of Indianapolis, and Melinda Kammerer of Muncie; 8 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul and Walter Detlefsen; two sisters, Ruth Detlefsen and Paula Rutz; and a granddaughter, Lori Kammerer.

Services were Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill or St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Queenie (Mary) Grigsby

JEFFERSONVILLE — Queenie Oliver Grigsby, 91, of Jeffersonville died Monday, April 5, 2004, at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville.

Mrs. Grigsby was formerly the librarian at the Ligonier Public Library. She later obtained her master's degree from the University of Michigan and retired from the Fort Wayne Public Library.

Following her retirement she moved to Jeffersonville where she volunteered at the Jeff Public Library.

She was born April 2, 1913, in Talca, South America, the daughter of George H. and Elena (Stephens) Oliver. She came to the United States in 1916 and graduated from Ligonier High School.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Olivia J. and John Porter of Jeffersonville; a grandson, John Porter III of Cambellsburg, Ky.; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Cynthia Grigsby and Victoria Grigsby; a brother, Guy Oliver; and two sisters, Olga Oliver and Pearl Ena Oliver.

There are no services.

Scott Family Cremation Services was in charge of arrangements.

Larry Michael

CROMWELL — Larry Charles Michael of Cromwell, 63 died Sunday evening, April 11 at his residence.

He was born April 7, 1941, in Warsaw to Charles and Marilyn Janice (Franks) Michael.

He enjoyed working in his yard and caring for his animals.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn Loveless; a son, Gregory Michael; a daughter, Christine Strodtman; three brothers, Thomas, Kenneth and John; two sisters, Rosemarie Yann and Louann Van Over; and five grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be directed to family members or to The Anatomical Education Program, Medical Science Building Room 5035, 635 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, Ind. 46202-5120.

Alpha Funeral Services, Indianapols, is in charge of arrangements.

William 'Billy' Fisher dies

Billy Fisher

Word was received late Wednesday night that William "Billy" Fisher died at Goshen General Hospital.

He had been in declining health in recent weeks and had moved into Avalon Village.

Services are pending at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Please check the News-Sun on Thursday or Friday for complete details on funeral services for Billy Fisher.

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Worker dies from Kendallville incident

FORT WAYNE — A worker injured Monday at the site of a Kendallville train derailment died Thursday morning at a Fort Wayne hospital.

Work crews had been salvaging the wreckage from the Dec. 22, 2003 derailment which left 15 cars on the ground.

Local emergency workers were called to the scene at Main and Sargent streets at 9:55 a.m. Monday.

The Allen County Coroner's Office said it would not release any more information until the victim's relatives were notified.

City officials did not believe the person was local. The salvage company, which was subcontracted by Norfolk and Southern Railway Co., was based out of Michigan.

Sylvia Couarm

KENDALLVILLE — Sylvia L. Couarm, 74, of Kendallville died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Couarm

Mrs. Couarm had been employed at Container Corp. at Fort Wayne.

She was born March 22, 1930, in Middlesboro, Ky., the daughter of Clayton and Rose (Cobb) Webb.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Betty Hammac of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty Omspaugh of El Paso, Texas, Bertha Laslay of Fort Wayne, and Brenda Goings of Kokomo; a brother, John Webb of Monroe, Mich.; two cousins, Patricia Robin and Helen Settles, both of Fort Wayne; a son-in-law, Larry Liedel of Venice, Fla.; three grandsons, Chris Liedel, Kevin Liedel and Kelly Liedel, all of Venice; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie S. Liedel; and two brothers, Bobbie Webb and Billy Webb.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Rick Leone officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Margaret Beckley

LAGRANGE — Margaret Aileen Beckley, 82, of LaGrange died at 10:50 a.m. Saturday, April 3, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Beckley

Mrs. Beckley had worked at Essex Wire for 22 years and had retired from Wolf Lake Products.

She was born Jan. 16, 1922, in Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Thomas and Alvena (Peterson) Davidsen. She moved to Indiana in 1925. On Sept. 14, 1941, in Albion she married Earl C. Beckley. He died Dec. 16, 1970.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Patty Beckley of LaGrange; two brothers, Robert Davidsen of Cromwell and Harold Davidsen of New Paris; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Huff, in 1949.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange with Pastor Stephen Flynn officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Parkinson Disease Association.

Hartman Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

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Billy Fisher

LIGONIER — Billy B. Fisher, 81, of Ligonier died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

He had retired in 1985 from Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier.

Mr. Fisher was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Ligonier American Legion Post 243 and 40 & 8 of Rome City. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge and the Ligonier Fire Department.

He was born July 21, 1922, in Ligonier the son of Vern B. and Flossie (Lake) Fisher. On Oct. 10, 1949, in Albion he married Roberta Johnson. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carol Gunder of Ligonier; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness and officials from the Elks Lodge and the Ligonier Fire Department officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery with military graveside services by American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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The following obituary is being reprinted to include additional information from the funeral home.

Sylvia Couarm

KENDALLVILLE — Sylvia L. Couarm, 74, of Kendallville died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Couarm had been employed at Container Corp. at Fort Wayne.

She was born March 22, 1930, in Middlesoro, Ky., to Clayton and Rose (Cobb) Webb.

Mrs. Couarm

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Betty Hammac of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty Omspaugh of El Paso, Texas, Bertha Laslay of Fort Wayne, and Brenda Goings of Kokomo; a brother, John Webb of Monroe, Mich.; two cousins, Patricia Robin and Helen Settles, both of Fort Wayne; a son-in-law, Larry Liedel of Venice, Fla.; five grandsons, James Hammac of Denham, La., Chris Liedel, Kevin Liedel and Kelly Liedel, all of Venice, and Ronnie Maynard of Kendallville; a granddaughter, Nellie Maynard of Kendallville; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Vickie S. Liedel; and two brothers, Bobbie Webb and Billy Webb.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Rick Leone officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Paul Girdner

FORT WAYNE — Paul L. Girdner, 81, died Friday, April 16, 2004, at Canterbury Nursing and Rehabilitation.

Mr. Girdner, born in Mercer, Mo., to Arthur and Rose Girdner, graduated from Mercer High School and received an electrical engineering degree from Iowa State in Ames, Iowa. He worked at WKJG TV-33, retiring after 33 years.

He was a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War and joined American Legion Post 47.

He was a member of Memorial Baptist Church and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 723.

Mr. Girdner is survived by his wife, Ruth S. Girdner of Fort Wayne; two daughters and one son-in-law, Paula Girdner and Diana and Michael Pape; three grandchildren, Jessica, Matthew and Ryan; stepchildren, Vic Rigsby, Judi and Jim Lengacher and Wayne Rigsby; a sister, Helen G. Clardy of Hot Springs, Ark.; and eight additional grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by Betty Bennett and Jeff Rigsby.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at Memorial Baptist Church, 2900 N. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service Monday and on Sunday from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home.

Military graveside service at Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Memorial Baptist Church or Alzheimer's Association.

Kenneth Crowe

WOLCOTTVILLE — Kenneth M. Crowe, 86, of Wolcottville died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Crowe was a 50-year member of Garrett Masonic Lodge and spent his life working on the railroad in Garrett. He worked for the B&O and CSX railroads, retiring Jan. 8, 1978.

He then moved to Wolcottville where he joined Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

Mr. Crow was born July 16, 1917, to Irvin and Mary Elizabeth (Pfeiffer) Crowe in Nappanee, where he was raised, graduating from Nappanee High School in 1935.

He married Maxine L. Richcreek on Aug. 27, 1937, at First Brethren Church in Nappanee. She survives.

He is also survived by a son, David Crowe of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and James Chevalier of Central Valley, N.Y.; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mary Crowe of Bremen; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Lilly Pippen.

Services will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Wolcottville United Methodist Church with Pastor Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Union Center Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 p.m. at Thompson-Lengacher and Yoder Funeral Home in Nappanee and Monday from 10-10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Daisy Hootman

LIGONIER — Daisy Hootman, 90, of Ligonier died at 2:21 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Americare Living in Goshen.

Retired after 45 years at Lyon and Greenleaf in Ligonier, Mrs. Hootman lived her entire life in the Ligonier area.

She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier.

She was born in Kosciusko County on March 28, 1914, to Sim and Myrtle (Crouch) Lewallen.

She married Milford Gose on Oct. 29, 1932. He preceded her in death in 1969.

On June 2, 1972, she married Andrew Hootman. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and John Stout of Topeka; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Frederick Gose of Midway, Ga. and Terry and Susan Gose of Ligonier; one sister, Ruby Shock of North Webster; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hootman was also preceded in death by two sisters.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse with Pastor William Parks officiating. Burial will be in North Webster Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God.

Hana Wells

CORUNNA — Hana Fae Wells was stillborn Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at 5:35 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her parents, Steven and Vanessa Wells of Corunna; grandparents Charles and Joanne McClelland of Tafford, Pa., Sandy Wells of Mooresville and Ray and Donna Wells of Martinsville; uncles, aunts, cousins and numerous friends.

Services will be at the family residence in Garrett today.

Flowers and cards may be sent in care of Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, which is handling arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mabel A. Coulter** were held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. John Frye officiating.

Graveside services were Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at Eel River Cemetery in Churubusco with the Rev. Dr. William Dean officiating.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Sarah Ritchie** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with elders Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker and Charles King officiating.

Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Pallbearers were Tim Tuttle, Steve Miller, Bob Ritchie, Darl Ritchie, Brad Ritchie, Bill Ritchie and Jason Ritchie.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

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Evelyn Deer

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn W. Deer, 95, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Mrs. Deer

Before retiring in 1972, Mrs. Deer was an elementary school teacher at Perkins Institute for the Blind in Watertown, Mass., for 18 years. She had learned Braille during World War II in order to transcribe for blind service veterans.

She moved to Kendallville in 1974, moved back to Massachusetts to marry her third husband, then returned to live in Kendallville after his death. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and a participant in the St. John Lutheran Church Bible Study Group in Kendallville.

Her hobby was knitting for family, friends and charitable causes, a practice she began as a child, during World War I, making scarves and socks for American soldiers. She continued knitting until recently, when she became ill. Last year, she knitted 100 caps for charity.

She was born at home Nov. 30, 1908, in Watertown, Mass., to Joseph S. and Lilla J. (Ames) Winslow. She graduated from Watertown High School in 1927 and from Lesley College in 1930 with a certificate in elementary education. She married Robert A. Moore on May 28, 1932, in Watertown, married James H. Hood Jr. on Nov. 30, 1964, in Watertown and married Wendell H. Deer on Dec. 17, 1994, in Chatham, Mass. All her husbands preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger W. and Joyce Moore of Nashua, N.H., and Alvin R. and Judy Moore of Kendallville; a stepson and daughter-in-law, James H. Hood III and Carol Hood of Hobe Sound, Fla.; a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Jane and Don Pottratz of North Palm Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Laurence Winslow.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 1, at First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville. The Rev. Stan Kessler will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Stow, Mass.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church or Shepherd of the Hill in Kendallville.

Arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Dorris Kennedy

LAGRANGE — Dorris Marie Kennedy, 84, died at 9:48 p.m. Friday, April 16, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

Mrs. Kennedy

Mrs. Kennedy was the retired owner of Kennedy Oil Co. in LaGrange.

She was born April 16, 1920, in Reading, Mich., to Fred and Iva (Northum) Ford. She married John E. Kennedy on April 29, 1939, in Angola. He preceded her in death on Jan. 29, 1996.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas E. and Lore Kennedy of LaGrange; two sisters, Jennie Halsey of Angola and Violet Curtis of Kentland; two grandchildren and their spouses, Amy and Darin Archbold and Jeffrey and Jennifer Kennedy, all of Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren, Braydon Kennedy, Jake Archbold, Taylor Archbold and Paige Archbold, all of Fort Wayne; and a good friend, Jack Garner.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Edna German and Evelyn Leas.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Michael Booher will officiate.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. on Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

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Mr. Hayes spent his life teaching sons

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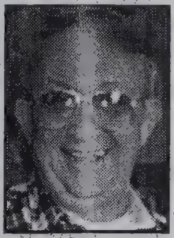
HUDSON — Brian Hayes can say without hesitation what his father Merval considered the most important lesson to teach his children was.

"He told my brother and I that there were two things you had in life: Your name and your word," Brian said. "If you tell somebody you're going to do something, you'd better do it. Once you go back on your word, you've ruined your name."

And that was the code Merval EuGene Hayes lived by. Merval died on Friday, April 9, at the age of 67. He died at home in Hudson.

Brian said his father "wanted us to be good, honest men, with our wives and children as well as in our community."

Mr. Hayes' wife of 40 years, Tatsy, said she will always remember her husband as a man who was passionate about all he did.


Mr. Hayes

"He liked to work," she said. "He loved the church and he loved to help people. If somebody needed something, Merv just stopped whatever else he was doing and took care of that first."

Tatsy said her husband was "a born salesman" — in fact, the couple met while Merv was hawking wares door to door.

"He sold me cookware," Tatsy said with a chuckle. "Pots and pans. When we were young, salesman would go door to door selling the young girls stuff for their hope chests. He sold me the pots and pans, but I want it known that he didn't marry me until I paid for them!"

Tatsy said she sees a lot of her husband in Brian and in his brother, Brice.

"Merv made his living by talking, and I can see that in my boys," she said. "They took on his characteristics. They have Superior Canopy over in Hamilton."

Brian said his dad relished his role as a grandfather to his six grandchildren.

"His grandchildren meant everything to him," Brian said. "He would say to me, 'These are our future leaders, Brian.'"

Brice said finding pictures of his father has been a trick for the family, because he didn't like to be photographed.

"He never wanted to be the center of attention," Brice said. "I'm like that, too."

The Hayes met while they were both living in Fort Wayne, and Tatsy said it wasn't until after they were married that Merv told her he wanted to move to a farm to raise his children there.

"That's how we ended up here, and to be honest, I wasn't thrilled about it at first," Tatsy admitted. "I'm a city girl. But I've grown to love the farm and to love this area."

Brian said the outpouring of love and support his family has received has been nothing short of overwhelming.

"You couldn't pick a better place to live," he said. "This is a community so full of love and warmth."

Both Tatsy and Brian were shocked by the number of people who came out to pay their last respects to Merv.

"I was in awe," Brian said. "I love this community, and my dad loved it."

Brice described the number of people who came to Merv's service as "a deluge."

Brian said losing his father has left two huge voids in his life.

"I not only had a father, I had a best friend," he said sadly. "And I lost him Friday."

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Mr. Tribble 'led a well-rounded life'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — It's not every man who becomes a PGA golf professional.

It's not every man who works as a dance instructor for Arthur Murray.

It's not every man who goes on a blind date and ends up married for 60 years.

It's even rarer that a man would do all these things, but L. Edson "Ed" Tribble did. And that was only a mere fraction of what he did during his 89 years of what his wife, Sally, called his "well-rounded life."

Mr. Tribble died on Tuesday, April 6, 2004. He was at home and surrounded by his family.

Sally and Ed were fixed up by one of Sally's girlfriends on Nov. 5, 1942 in Sioux Falls, S.D. That was where Sally had grown up, and Ed was stationed there with the U.S. Army Air Corps.

"She was dating a fellow in the same barracks as Ed, and they decided we had to be a match," Sally said.

Sally can't remember her girlfriend's first name — she remembers her last name was Long — but she does know that the girlfriend and her military fellow did not end up married.

Sally and Ed clicked, however.

"He left the base on Feb. 4, 1943, and then came back for a seven-day furlough in March," Sally recalled. "We had most of our courtship over the phone. It was over the phone that we decided that was it. We weren't together much during our courtship."

The Tribbles were married on Jan. 18, 1944, in Sioux Falls.

Sally wasn't Ed's only love, though.

"The kids always said I was first and golf was second," Sally said with a chuckle. "But I think they probably fell in there somewhere."

Ed was a PGA professional for a time. He and Sally also helped his son, Dana, at Iyopawa Golf Course at Coldwater Lake, Mich. in recent years, and the couple once acted as managers of Country Meadows Golf Course in Fremont. They also spent time managing a golf course in Florida, where they lived for a while before coming back to Angola in 1996.

But through their 60 years of marriage, the Tribbles lived in several different places and experienced a myriad of things. Ed worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 17 years. He was instrumental in opening an 18-story senior citizen's apartment building in Detroit, where he worked for 11 years, beginning in 1965. He was a dance instructor for Arthur Murray and gave ping-pong lessons.

"His talents were quite varied," Sally said.

Ed fell ill this past November, suffering from cancer in his brain and lungs.

"He was not ill long, and he wasn't in pain," Sally said. "He slipped away very peacefully, and I'm thankful for that."

Sally said Ed's memorial service involved all his children and grandchildren, which is just how he would have wanted it.

"All the kids spoke, and then all the children and grandchildren dropped roses at the burial site," she said. "It was a gorgeous service."

Of all the things he experienced and accomplished, Sally said, when it came down to it, Ed considered his family his shining achievement.

"He was a wonderful husband and father to his children," she said, love evident in her voice.

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L. Edson "Ed" Tribble prepares to tee off in this photo supplied by his family. Mr. Tribble was a PGA golf professional. He died Tuesday, April 6, 2004.

The Tribbles had a daughter and two sons, and eventually became the grandparents of eight and great-grandparents of eight.

Sally said she and her husband had a lot of wonderful years together, and that she will always treasure those memories.

"We've had a wonderful life," she said contentedly. "We did a lot of living."

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Lyn Alleshouse

KENDALLVILLE — Lyn L. Alleshouse, 61, of Kendallville died at 3:25 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Alleshouse was a lifetime area resident and had retired in 2003 from Hy-Matic Manufacturing after 40 years of service.

Mr. Alleshouse

He was a member of the Church of the Cornerstone in Auburn and a lifetime member of the Kendallville Jaycees. He enjoyed fishing, camping and security work.

Mr. Alleshouse was born Aug. 11, 1942, in Angola to Dale and Arlene (Davis) Alleshouse. His father survives in Pleasant Lake and his mother is deceased.

Also surviving are his wife, Doris Alleshouse of Kendallville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Donna Alleshouse and Curt and Kathy Alleshouse, all of Kendallville, and Dale and Shannon Alleshouse of Cincinnati, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Krestina Appleman of Rome City and Kim and Dennis Irvin of Albion; a brother, Ray Alleshouse of Pleasant Lake; and 14 grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were a brother, Cecil Alleshouse; and a granddaughter, Amanda Childers.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Dean Woolard of Church of the Cornerstone officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Crash kills man

Harper was Kimmell businessman

NAPOLEON, Ohio — Thomas H. Harper, 52, of Syracuse was killed Saturday in a two-vehicle accident, according to the Henry County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department.

Harper was president of Parker Hybrids in Kimmell.

Harper

He died when the 1970 Ford truck he was driving collided with a 1998 Chevrolet Malibu driven by Amber M. Phillips, 17, of Deshler, Ohio. The accident took place at 12:17 p.m. at the intersection of S.R. 281 and C.R. 16 in Henry County.

Police believe Harper failed to stop at a stop sign and collided with the car driven by Phillips.

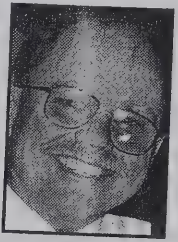
Harper was taken by ambulance to Henry County Hospital where he died. Phillips was also taken to the hospital with nonspecific injuries.

An obituary for Mr. Harper appears today on Page A6.

Thomas Harper

SYRACUSE — Thomas H. Harper, 52, of Syracuse died Saturday, April 17, 2004, from injuries in a traffic accident in Napoleon, Ohio.

Mr. Harper was a lifetime area resident and president of Parker Hybrids in Kimmell.


Mr. Harper

He was a member of the Army Reserves and St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Albion American Legion Post, Seed Traders Association; NRA, and a board member of the Kosciusko County 4-H Council.

Mr. Harper enjoyed hunting for deer and bears, fishing, farming and spending time with his family.

He was born Nov. 17, 1951, in Wolf Lake to Harmon and Helene (Van Aman) Harper. His mother survives in Cromwell and his father is deceased. On April 14, 1973, in Ligonier, he married Cheryl Parker. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Candice Harper of Fishers and Troy Harper at home; a daughter, Tasha Harper, a student at Purdue University; three brothers, Tim Harper of Cromwell, Dan Harper of Syracuse, and Ed Harper of Cromwell; four sisters, Mary Esther Pullin of Waterloo, Iowa, Becky Harper-Gibson of Bozeman, Mont., Betty Jo Pultz of Redmond, Wash., and Susie Harper-Dorman of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter, Kelsey Sue Harper.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Dave Marty officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

LeAnna Miller

TOPEKA — LeAnna T. Miller, 66, of Topeka died at 7:05 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a lifetime Topeka resident and a homemaker. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Feb. 4, 1938, in LaGrange County to Tobias J. and Elizabeth (Troyer) Lambright. On Oct. 31, 1957, in Topeka, she married Eli M. Miller. He survives.

Also surviving are nine sons and seven daughters-in-law, Elvie and Betty Miller, Willis and Arlene Miller, Freeman and Rosanna Miller and Jerry and LeAnna Miller, all of Ligonier, LeRoy and Ann Miller and Vernon and Martha Miller, Eli Junior Miller and Aden Miller, all of Topeka, and Wilbur and Ruby Miller of Shipshewana; nine daughters and six sons-in-law, Esther and Marvin Hostetler of Ligonier, Lizzie Mae and Perry Troyer and Erma and Melvin Schmucker, all of LaGrange, Fannie Irene Miller, Lorene Miller, Suella Miller and Ruby and Wayne Chupp, all of LaGrange; Mary Ellen and David Bontrager of Middlebury, and Christian and Orla Bontrager of Shipshewana; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Omer and Barbara Lambright, Calvin and Ida Lambright, Harley and Ida Lambright and Leland and Anna Lambright, all of Topeka, Freeman and Susan Lambright of Middlebury and Joas and Susie Lambright of Orleans, Ind.; a sister-in-law, Ada Lambright of Ava, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Viola and John Miller of Topeka; 84 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard; a sister, Orpha Bontrager; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family residence at 4840 S. C.R. 400W, Topeka, with Bishop Elva Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange. Pallbearers will be Jacob Fry, Ervin Junior Miller, Ora Beechy and Sam Eash.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family home.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Molinda Criqui

WAWAKA — Molinda Criqui, 61, of Wawaka died at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, April 18, 2004, at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Criqui had moved to Wawaka in 1975 from Kansas. She had been employed for 10 years at Starcraft in Topeka.

Mrs. Criqui

She had been a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Criqui was born Oct. 23, 1942, in Handshoe, Ky., to William and Lilly (Moore) Hicks. On March 8, 1969, she married Leo Criqui. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Phillip of Topeka, Kan., and Jeremiah of Albion; five daughters, Teresa Johnston and Teresa Plemons, both of Topeka, Kan., Ramona Long of Jacksonville, Fla., Donna Jones of Wawaka and Brenda Staton of Ligonier; a brother, Scott Itschner of Salina, Kan.; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery at Rome City.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion is in charge of arrangements.

Barbara Keck

WOLCOTTVILLE — Barbara Ann Keck, 67, of Wolcottville died at 6:05 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keck

Mrs. Keck was a homemaker and a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville. She had lived in the area 40 years. She loved children and had been known as a "mother of one, but mother of many." She had been a "grandmother" to many of her relatives and neighborhood children.

She was born Aug. 29, 1936, in Floyd County, Ky., to Stanley and Annie (Graham) Lazar. On April 11, 1969, in Clintwood, Va., she married Richard S. Keck Sr. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sonya "Missy" and James Sykes of Wolcottville; two stepsons and their wives, Gary Edward and Sandy Keck of Orland and Richard S. Jr. and Sandy Keck of Wolcottville; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Judy and Phil Burlew of Mongo, Dianna Smith of Washington, Ind., and Ramona and Tracy Honaker of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Dora Lazar of Kentucky; a grandson, Paul Sykes; two granddaughters, Molly Sykes and Morgan Sykes; two nephews she raised and their wives, Walter and Brenda Stogner of Ohio and Steve and Kay Evans of LaGrange; two nieces she raised and their husbands, Terri and Sonny Eagle of North Carolina and Sheila and Paul Randol of Wolcottville; and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Luther, Vernon, Walter and Reginald; and four sisters, Stella, Thelma, Sue and Ruth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. James Tews of Messiah Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Messiah Lutheran Church building fund or First Church of God building fund in LaGrange.

Mildred Blust

AVILLA — Mildred G. Blust, 93, of Avilla died at 1 a.m. Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Blust was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Noble County. She grew up in Kendallville and lived her adult life in Avilla.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Rosary Society. She enjoyed gardening, reading and animals.

Mrs. Blust was born Sept. 3, 1910, in Kendallville to Henry and Rose Marie (Pfefferkorn) Schmidt.

On Oct. 9, 1934, in Kendallville, she married Lawrence L. Blust. He died June 25, 1981.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Frances Blust of Fort Wayne, and Thomas and Beverly Blust and Paul and Rosemary Blust, all of Garrett; a daughter and son-in-law, Rose Marie and Harry Brumbaugh of Waterloo; a brother, Robert Schmidt of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Donna Schmidt of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Karl, David, Scott and Tim Blust, Kari Sue Marti and Danielle Franks; five great-grandchildren, Zachary and Joey Blust, Christopher Marti and Andrew and Matthew Franks.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Paul Schmidt; and two sisters, Margaret Neal and Irene Fryhover.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, where a rosary service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or Masses.

This obituary is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.

Barbara Keck

WOLCOTTVILLE — Barbara Ann Keck, 67, of Wolcottville died at 6:05 p.m. Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Keck

Mrs. Keck was a homemaker and a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville. She had lived in the area 40 years. She loved children and had been known as a "mother of one, but mother of many." She had been a "grandmother" to many of her relatives and neighborhood children.

She was born Aug. 29, 1936, in Floyd County, Ky., to Stanley and Annie (Graham) Lazar. On April 11, 1969, in Clintwood, Va., she married Richard S. Keck Sr. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sonya "Missy" and James Sykes of Wolcottville; two stepsons and their wives, Gary Edward and Sandy Keck of Orland and Richard S. Jr. and Sherry Keck of Wolcottville; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Judy and Phil Burlew of Mongo, Dianna Smith of Washington, Ind., and Ramona and Tracy Honaker of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Dora Lazar of Kentucky; a grandson, Paul Sykes; two granddaughters, Molly Sykes and Morgan Sykes; two nephews she raised and their wives, Walter and Brenda Stogner of Ohio and Steve and Kay Evans of LaGrange; two nieces she raised and their husbands, Terri and Sonny Eagle of North Carolina and Sheila and Paul Randol of Wolcottville; and several other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, Luther, Vernon, Walter and Reginald; and four sisters, Stella, Thelma, Sue and Ruth.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. James Tews of Messiah Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Messiah Lutheran Church building fund or First Church of God building fund in LaGrange.

Bernice Walkup

KENDALLVILLE — Bernice Walkup, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, April 19, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Services Held

WAWAKA — Services for **Virginia Frick** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Wawaka Church of the Brethren with the Rev. Verne Leininger and the Rev. Paul McBride officiating.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery at Brimfield.

Pallbearers were Ford Frick Jr., Chris Frick, Joel Frick, Keight Snyder, Dr. Bill Snyder and John Reid.

Honorary pallbearers were Colton Reid, Greg Baker, John Hall and Kevin Heller.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

LaVerne Wells

LAGRANGE — LaVerne Wells, 80, of LaGrange died Saturday, Dec. 27, 2003, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had retired from the bookkeeping department of Farmers State Bank in LaGrange after 32 years of service.

Mrs. Wells had lived most of her life in LaGrange and in Clermont, Fla., from 1988-2002.

She was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and a member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

She was born March 3, 1923, in LaGrange to N. Vern and Loesa (Omsted) Slater.

Surviving are a niece and her husband, Loesa and Robert Bowersox of Sturgis, Mich.; and two nephews and their wives, Charles R. and Sue Atkison of Garrett and Lee Roy and Linda Atkison of Norfolk, Va.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Borkowski and Martha Atkison; and a nephew, Thomas Borkowski.

Graveside memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Robert Bowersox officiating. Military graveside services will be provided by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Memorials are to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home.

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Samuel Miller

LAGRANGE — Samuel D. Miller, 75, of LaGrange died Monday, April 19, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer and had been employed for 33 years at the Shipshewana Sale Barn. He had lived most of his life in Shipshewana and the last three years in LaGrange.

He was active in harness racing for many years with G.A. Stables of Shipshewana.

Mr. Miller was born March 1, 1929, in Shipshewana to Orva J. and Sara Ellen (Troyer) Miller. On Jan. 23, 1971, in Brighton, he married Shirley Norris. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kris and Mike McClish of LaGrange; four brothers, James K., Alfred and Paul Miller, all of Shipshewana, and Richard Miller of Symrna, Del.; two sisters, Marilyn Frain and Romaine Hostetler, both of Shipshewana; and two granddaughters, Sarah and Katrin McClish.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Larry Miller; and a nephew, Michael Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Harvey Chupp officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or to the family.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Zook

LAKE WALES, Fla. — Carolyn T. Zook, 71, of Lake Wales died Monday, April 5, 2004, at Lake Wales Medical Center. She had suffered from diabetes.

Mrs. Zook was a native of Fort Wayne, Ind., and had lived in the Churubusco, Ind., area before moving to Florida.

She was a homemaker and a Methodist.

Surviving are her husband, Eldon Zook of Lake Wales; three daughters, Victoria Zook of Texas, Christina Miller of Indiana, and Kimberly Yoder of Indiana; a son, Andrew Zook of Michigan; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church near Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Foundation.

Evelyn Frankfather

KIMMELL — Evelyn L. Frankfather, 86, of Kimmell died at 7:50 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Frankfather had retired from Ligonier Rubber Co.

She was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of Eastern Star and a past president of AARP.

Mrs. Frankfather

Mrs. Frankfather enjoyed working in her yard, flowers, gardening, doing crossword puzzles and traveling.

She was born Dec. 2, 1917, in Allen County to Frank and Stella (Smith) Lantz. On Sept. 18, 1937, she married Paul M. Frankfather. He died Oct. 1, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Delcie and Perry Morrow of Topeka; a son, John Frankfather of Kimmell; a brother, Frank Lantz Jr. of New Haven; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death was a brother, Robert Lantz.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m. Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

Wanda Hale

KENDALLVILLE — Wanda E. "Red" Hale, 80, of Kendallville and formerly of Huntington died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hale graduated from Huntington Catholic High School in 1942 and had retired in 1986 after 28 years of service as a pressman for Noll Printing in Huntington.

Mrs. Hale

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville and a former member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntington. She was also a member of the Rosary Sodality and of the Women of the Moose in Huntington.

Mrs. Hale was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Denver, Colo., to Clarence and Josephine (Kiefer) Bartrom.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, M. Kent and Donna Hale of Port Charlotte, Fla.; a granddaughter, Amanda Hale of Loyola University in Chicago; a stepgranddaughter, Heather Dolman of Phoenix, Ariz.; a stepgrandson, Ryan Claggett of Gig Harbor, Wash.; and life-long friends, Liz Septer and Betty Robinson, both of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Boniface M. Bartrom.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Huntington. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville and from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at McElhaney-Hart Funeral Home in Huntington.

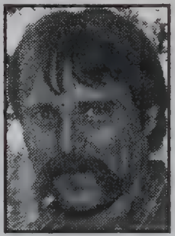
Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health & Hospice, P.O. Box 728, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Bruce Avery

MILLERSBURG — Bruce Lynn Avery, 44, of Millersburg died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2004, in Kimmell.

Mr. Avery was a driver for Kreider Manufacturing and a U.S. Army veteran.

He enjoyed watching old Western movies.


Mr. Avery

Mr. Avery was born Nov. 7, 1959, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Wayne and Norma (Quigg) Avery. His father died in 1984 and his mother, Norma Quigg Pate, survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are a son, Scott W. Avery of Millersburg; a stepdaughter, Amanda Eppert of Syracuse; four brothers, Terry Avery of Nappanee, Henry Avery of Kimmell, Bret Avery of Merriam, and Mike Avery of Kimmell; a sister, Teresa Alfrey of Syracuse; two stepgrandchildren; eight nieces and nephews; and two great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Raymond, in 1998.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services by Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Elkhart County.

Imogene LaRowe

WATERLOO — Imogene R. "Jean" LaRowe, 80, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at her home in rural Waterloo.

Mrs. LaRowe was a homemaker and a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church and the Model Home Demonstration Club.

She was born March 24, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Frances (Thompson) Knapp.

She married Paul LaRowe on Jan. 27, 1945, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Richard Smith of Corunna; two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Esther LaRowe of San Antonio, Texas, and Jeff and Cathy LaRowe of Corunna; two brothers, Norman Knapp of Sarasota, Fla., and Dale Knapp of Auburn; three sisters, Reba Sliger of Englewood, Fla., Janet Greon of Fowler, and Myrna Demske of Avilla; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Eldon and Ivan Knapp.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Doug Barber will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Maple Grove United Methodist Church of DeKalb Hospice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Neoma Wies

FORT WAYNE — Neoma "Dolly" Wies, 72, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 19, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Wies was a native of Kendallville. She was a homemaker and had spent most of her life in Huntertown.

She was a 4-H horse and pony club leader for 33 years.

Surviving are her husband, Donald P. Wies Sr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra S. and Gary Warner of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald P. Jr. and Judi Wies of Avilla and Rick J. and Cathy Wies of Big Arm, Mont.; six grandchildren, Kyle, Jason, Darcy, Cody, Adam and Heath; and one great-grandchild, Baily.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Allen County 4-H Horse & Pony Club or River City Ministries.

Chester Smith

LAKELAND, Fla. — Chester L. Smith, 81, of Lakeland, Fla., died Tuesday, April 13, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Facility in Florida.

Mr. Smith was a former resident of Big Turkey Lake. He was retired from Borg Warner Corp. in Muncie.

He was a former member of the Moose, and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, A. Jenneieve Smith of Lakeland, who he married March 14, 1962; a stepson, Ralph J. Cary of Palmyra, Tenn,; a stepdaughter, Kathy Lambert of LaGrange; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services have already been held.

Mildred Blust

AVILLA – Mildred G. Blust, 93, of Avilla, died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, she was born September 3, 1910, to Henry and Rose Marie (Pfefferkorn) Schmidt. She grew up in Kendallville and lived her adult life in Avilla.

On October 9, 1934, she married Lawrence L. Blust in Kendallville. He passed away on June 25, 1981.

Mrs. Blust was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening, reading and animals. She was a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church and the Rosary Society.

She is survived by three sons, John (Frances) Blust of Fort Wayne, Thomas (Beverly) Blust of Garrett, and Paul (Rosemary) Blust of Garrett; one daughter, Rose Marie (Harry) Brumbaugh of Waterloo; six grandchildren, Karl, David, Scott and Tim Blust, Kari sue Marti and Danielle Franks; five great-grandchildren, Zachary and Joey Blust, Christopher Marti, Andrew and Matthew Franks; one brother, Robert Schmidt of Kendallville; and one sister-in-law, Donna Schmidt of Kendallville.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was also preceded in death by one brother, Paul Schmidt, and two sisters, Margaret Neal and Irene Fryhover.

Rosary services were held on Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church. Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla, with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in Saint Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery, Avilla.

Preferred memorials are to Masses or to Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Molinda Criqui

WAWAKA – Molinda Criqui, 62, of Wawaka died Sunday, April 18, 2004, at I.U. Medical Center in Indianapolis.

She was born on October 23, 1942, in Handshoe, KY, to William and Lilly (Moore) Hicks. She lived in Kansas and moved to the Wawaka area in 1975. On March 8, 1969, she was married to Leo Criqui.

Mrs. Criqui was employed at Starcraft Boats in Topeka for 10 years and a member of Trinity Assembly of God for over 20 years.

She is survived by two sons, Phillip of Topeka, KS, and Jeremiah of Albion; five daughters, Teresa Johnston of Topeka, KS, Teresa Plemons of Topeka, KS, Ramona Long of Jacksonville, FL, Donna Jones of Wawaka, and Brenda Staton of Ligonier; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one brother, Scott Itschner of Salina, KS.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and daughter, Connie.

Services were held Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier, with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery, Rome City.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Trinity Assembly of God.

Hazel Mankowski

AVILLA – Hazel M. Mankowski, 98, died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, in Provena Sacred Heart Home at Avilla.

She was a lifetime resident of Altona before moving to Avilla eight years ago.

Mrs. Mankowski was a homemaker. She was a charter member and past president of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary, REAC and DeKalb Retired Citizens. She was a member of Garrett United Methodist Church and the Methodist Women.

Born March 22, 1906, in LaGrange, she was the daughter of Jesse E. and Ora E. (Jimerson) Foster.

On July 10, 1924, in Coldwater, MI, she married Michael Mankowski. He died March 31,1982.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Allen Haney of Kendallville and Margaret and Richard Schemehorn of Wolcottville; a brother, Frank Foster of Kendallville; two grandsons, Mike Haney of Kendallville and Bruce Schemehorn of Fishers; three granddaughters, Tina Armstrong of West Lafayette, Dr. Tisa Ladd of Kokomo; and Cheryl Cook of Plymouth; 11 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, George Foster; a granddaughter, Paula Haney; and a great-grandson, Mark Haney.

Services were held Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home or a charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Vance

LIGONIER – Robert A. Vance, 82, of Ligonier died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Vance had been a press operator at Bendix Corp. of South Bend.

He graduated in 1942 from Ligonier High School and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Vance was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. He was a member and past Worshipful Master of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185, a charter member of the Noble County Shrine Club, the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, the Mizpah Shrine Temple and the Keystone Kops parade unit. He was also a member and past commander of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and had been a member of the 40 & 8.

He enjoyed listening to Big Band music, fishing, listening to the Indianapolis 500 race, watching nature and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Vance was born February 27, 1922, in Noble County to Harry Stanton and Mildred (Moore) Vance. On Sept. 30, 1945, in Merriam, he married Edith Keister. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Lengacher of Ligonier, Cindy and Brian Rasler of Topeka, Karen and Les Hamell of Kimmell and Susan Vance of Ligonier; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Poppy.

Services were held Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at a later date at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

James Martin

FORT WAYNE -- James H. Martin, 70, died Thursday, April 1, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Martin was born in Allen County. He was a factory worker in the Heat Treat Department of Dana Corporation for 30 years, retiring in 1982. He was involved with St. Vincent dePaul Society and Knights of Columbus Council 1790, Garrett.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Donna M. Martin of Fort Wayne; daughters Mary Beth (Charles) Browning of Churubusco and Teresa A. (Paul) Warner of Huntertown; sons, Duane P. (Donna) Martin of Fort Wayne and Gail E. (Karen) Martin of Rome City; a brother, Larry L. (Bev) Martin of St. James City, Fla.; and a sister, Elizabeth A. (David) Amick of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

D. O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. There was also a Vigil service Monday.

Burial was at Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Gibault Inc., Terre Haute or Visiting Nurse Service Hospice Home.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Crippled Children Hospitals.

Evelyn Frankfather

KIMMELL – Evelyn L. Frankfather, 86, of Kimmell died Monday, April 19, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Frankfather had retired from Ligonier Rubber Co.

She was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of Eastern Star and a past president of AARP.

Mrs. Frankfather enjoyed working in her yard, flowers, gardening, doing crossword puzzles and traveling.

She was born December 2, 1917, in Allen County to Frank and Stella (Smith) Lantz. On September 18, 1937, she married Paul M. Frankfather. He died October 1, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Delcie and Perry Morrow of Topeka; a son, John Frankfather of Kimmell; a brother, Frank Lantz Jr. of New Haven; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death was a brother, Robert Lantz.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 23, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m. Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

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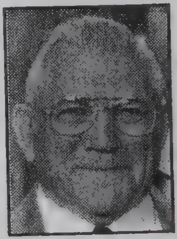
Lowell Poyser

CHURUBUSCO — Lowell M. Poyser, 81, of Churubusco died at 5:15 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at home.


Mr. Poyser

Mr. Poyser graduated from Wolf Lake High School and attended Purdue University. He retired in 1982 from International Harvester, where he worked as a process engineer. He was a member of American Legion Post 82 of Fort Wayne and Churubusco Masonic Lodge 515, where he served as past master.

He enjoyed his family, umpiring Little League baseball, bowling, golf and wintering in Florida.

He was born June 17, 1922, in Noble County to Dale B. and Mary E. (Lindsey) Poyser. On July 22, 1950, in Albion, he married Ruth E. Marriott. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jim Spangle of Fort Wayne; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Ron Poyser of Albion, Jim and Sharon Poyser and Dan and Nancy Poyser, all of Churubusco, Jerry and Pat Poyser of Angola and Bud and Barbara Poyser of New Haven; a sister, Retha Smith of Pontiac, Mich.; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, a brother and a sister.

Services will be 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Rick VanHorn officiating. Burial will be at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 82.

Calling will be 3-7 p.m. Friday and noon until services Saturday at the funeral home. Masonic services will be 7 p.m. Friday by Churubusco Masonic Lodge 515 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Richard Mosier Jr.

LEO — Services were held Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne, for Richard C. Mosier Jr., 64, of Leo. He died Friday in Fort Wayne's Parkview Hospital.

He was born June 19, 1939, in Fort Wayne, and was a Navy veteran. He retired after 35 years of service from Bank One, in 1999. Mr. Mosier had been an Instructor for the American Institute of Banking for 25 years.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.

Surviving are his wife of 40 years, the former Connie Snell, a native of Avilla; a daughter, Kristin Delawter and her husband, Jeff, of Fort Wayne; a son, Trent Mosier and his wife, Angelia, of Leo; granddaughters, Nicole and Rylee Delawter and Lauren Mosier; and grandson, Blake Mosier.

Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, was in charge of arrangements. Burial was at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the church.

Kenneth Kirkwood

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — Kenneth Kay Kirkwood, 72, of Virginia Beach died April 13, 2004.

He graduated from Kendallville High School and the University of Cincinnati, then joined the U.S. Navy. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, and numerous other awards and commendations. He retired as a commander in the Civil Engineering Corps after serving 23.5 years. On retiring, he founded Admiralty Construction Co. and was a well-known contractor in the waterfront community.

He was born in Owosso, Mich., to George and Kathryn Kirkwood.

Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Joyce (Hawkins) Kirkwood; a son, Shane Kirkwood of Virginia Beach; four daughters, Shawna Graham, Cindy Nelson, Sheri Kirkwood and Stacy Kirkwood, all of Virginia Beach; a sister, Mary Lou Kirkwood Hoemig of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren

Memorial services were Friday in Chesapeake, Va.

Memorials are to the Make-a-Wish Foundation, 406 Oakmears Crescent, No. 201, Virginia Beach, VA 23462.

Friends may sign the online guest register at www.cremate.org.

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Bernice Walkup

KENDALLVILLE — Bernice B. Walkup, 86, of Kendallville died at 5:11 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Walkup had lived in the Kendallville area since 1959. She worked as a nurses aide at McCray Memorial Hospital, Kendallville, for a number of years and volunteered nursing services to the community. She was a member of the McCray Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and the National Campers and Hikers Association, and a former member of the Kendallville Church of the Nazarene. She graduated from a nursing school in Washington, D.C.

She was born Feb. 5, 1918, in Alderson, W.Va., to Russell and Forrest (Flieshman) Burns. On May 11, 1942, in Lewisburg, W.Va., she married J. Lawrence Walkup, who preceded her in death Aug. 24, 1985.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Don Burns, and two sisters, Pauline Burns and Bethel Hall.

Surviving are two sons, James Walkup of Kendallville and Larry Walkup of Columbia City; four grandchildren, Lisa R. Noble, Michael A. Walkup, Leanne C. Shoppell and Sarah L. Middleton; and five great-grandchildren, Jamie Weir, Kelsey R. Middleton, Jasmine Weir, Jade Shoppell and Abby Jayne Walkup.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Steven W. Stanley of the Sandpoint Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Fort Wayne, officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Mary Brown

AUBURN — Mary L. Brown, 88, of Auburn died Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at 1:12 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Brown

Mrs. Brown worked as a cook at several Auburn restaurants. Her last place of employment was Greenhurst Country Club.

She was born Feb. 11, 1916, in Muncie to William and Sarah (Jones) Eiler.

On July 10, 1936, in Muncie she married Hildreth J. Brown. He died in October 1976.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert and Dorothy Brown of Garrett, William G. Brown of Auburn and Frank J. and Geraldine Brown of Wolcottville; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Gene Carper of Auburn; seven grandchildren, one stepgrandchild, 19 great-grandchildren, four stepgreat-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson and three stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by an infant son, John, two brothers, Chet and Orville Eiler, a sister, Ethel Wright, and her parents.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Lyn L. Alleshouse** were Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville. The Rev. Dean Woolard officiated.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Barbara Ann Keck** were Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville. The Rev. James Tews officiated. Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. Pallbearers were Missy, Jamie and Paul Sykes, Eric Keck and Eric, Justin, Randy and Tony Cox.

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The family of **Lee A. Thomas**
wish to express their sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the concern and sympathy extended to our entire family during the lengthy sickness and eventual loss of our loved one.

The prayers, food, support, comfort, kindness, helping hands, etc. from friends and relatives alike were appreciated. Thank you Jim Lash, Skip Bramel, Dick Bond, Dave Marti, and Chef Paul of the Fort Wayne Hilton.

A special thank you goes to Dr. Shawn Kidder, D.O. of Auburn. Lee not only considered Dr. Kidder to be his personal physician and healer, but more importantly his friend, advisor and confidante.

Thank you to the congregation of the Albright United Methodist Church of Mishawaka for their continual prayers and encouragement during Lee's illness. Many thanks to our brother Rev. Ken Sarrazzine of St. Joseph's Catholic Church Roanoke and Rev. Deacon Gordon Samara of the Trinity Episcopal Church Fort Wayne for their caring and supportive ministry.

Also, we want to thank the Garrett American Legion Post 178, the Garrett Masonic Lodge 537, and Dana Corporation P.A.C.E. Local 6903.

Dianne L. Thomas ~ Curtis and Christina Smith
Benjamin and Karen Myers ~ Benjamin M. Thomas
Gregg and Sharon Thomas ~ Wade and Linda Thomas

ADVANCED LEADER Ligonier, Indiana
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Accident claims life of Tom Harper

KIMMELL — Family, friends and Noble County agribusiness associates were in mourning this week over the death of Thomas H. Harper, who died Saturday from injuries received in a two-vehicle accident in Henry County, Ohio.

Mr. Harper

Harper, 52, of Syracuse, was the president of Parker Hybrids in Kimmell.

He died when the 1970 Ford truck he was driving collided with a 1998 Chevrolet Malibu driven by *Amber M. Phillips*, 17, of Deshler, Ohio. The accident took place at 12:17 p.m. at the intersection of S.R. 281 and C.R. 16 in Henry County, near Napoleon, according to the Henry County Sheriff's Department.

Police believe Harper failed to stop at a stop sign and collided with the car driven by Phillips.

Harper was taken by ambulance to Henry County Hospital where he died. Phillips was also taken to the hospital with nonspecific injuries.

Mr. Harper is survived by his wife, two sons, his mother, a daughter, three brothers, four sisters and a granddaughter.

Mr. Harper's full obituary and information on his funeral services can be found on Page 2. Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Harper

SYRACUSE — Thomas H. Harper, 52, of Syracuse died Saturday, April 17, 2004, from injuries in a traffic accident in Napoleon, Ohio.

Mr. Harper

Mr. Harper was a lifetime area resident and president of Parker Hybrids of Kimmell.

He was a member of the Army Reserves and St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Albion American Legion Post, Seed Traders Association; NRA, and a board member of the Kosciusko County 4-H Council.

Mr. Harper enjoyed hunting for deer and bears, fishing, farming and spending time with his family.

He was born Nov. 17, 1951, in Wolf Lake to Harmon and Helene (Van Aman) Harper. His mother survives in Cromwell and his father is deceased. On April 14, 1973, in Ligonier, he married Cheryl Parker. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughter-in-law, Ryan and Candice Harper of Fishers and Troy Harper at home; a daughter, Tasha Harper, a student at Purdue University; three brothers, Tim Harper of Cromwell, Dan Harper of Syracuse, and Ed Harper of Cromwell; four sisters, Mary Esther Pullin of Waterloo, Iowa, Becky Harper-Gibson of Bozeman, Mont., Betty Jo Pultz of Redmond, Wash., and Susie Harper-Dorman of Fort Wayne; and a granddaughter, Kelsey Sue Harper.

Services were Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Dave Marty officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Evelyn Frankfather

KIMMELL — Evelyn L. Frankfather, 86, of Kimmell died at 7:50 a.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Frankfather had retired from Ligonier Rubber Co.

She was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church, a lifetime member of Eastern Star and a past president of AARP.

Mrs. Frankfather

Mrs. Frankfather enjoyed working in her yard, flowers, gardening, doing crossword puzzles and traveling.

She was born Dec. 2, 1917, in Allen County to Frank and Stella (Smith) Lantz. On Sept. 18, 1937, she married Paul M. Frankfather. He died Oct. 1, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Delcie and Percy Morrow of Topeka; a son, John Frankfather of Kimmell; a brother, Frank Lantz Jr. of New Haven; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death was a brother, Robert Lantz.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the National Osteoporosis Foundation.

LeAnna Miller

TOPEKA — LeAnna T. Miller, 66, of Topeka died at 7:05 p.m. Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller was a lifetime Topeka resident and a homemaker. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Feb. 4, 1938, in LaGrange County to Tobias J. and Elizabeth (Troyer) Lambright. On Oct. 31, 1957, in Topeka, she married Eli M. Miller. He survives.

Also surviving are nine sons and seven daughters-in-law, Elvie and Betty Miller, Willis and Arlene Miller, Freeman and Rosanna Miller and Jerry and LeAnna Miller, all of Ligonier, LeRoy and Ann Miller and Vernon and Martha Miller, Eli Junior Miller and Aden Miller, all of Topeka, and Wilbur and Ruby Miller of Shipshewana; nine daughters and six sons-in-law, Esther and Marvin Hostetler of Ligonier, Lizzie Mae and Perry Troyer and Erma and Melvin Schmucker, all of LaGrange, Fannie Irene Miller, Lorene Miller, Suella Miller and Ruby and Wayne Chupp, all of LaGrange; Mary Ellen and David Bontrager of Middlebury, and Christian and Orla Bontrager of Shipshewana; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Omer and Barbara Lambright, Calvin and Ida Lambright, Harley and Ida Lambright and Leland and Anna Lambright, all of Topeka, Freeman and Susan Lambright of Middlebury and Joas and Susie Lambright of Orleans, Ind.; a sister-in-law, Ada Lambright of Ava, Ill.; a sister and brother-in-law, Viola and John Miller of Topeka; 84 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Richard; a sister, Orpha Bontrager; and two grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at the family residence at 4840 S. C.R. 400W, Topeka, with Bishop Elva Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial was in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange. Pallbearers were Jacob Fry, Ervin Junior Miller, Ora Beechy and Sam Eash.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Billy Fisher

LIGONIER — Billy B. Fisher, 81, of Ligonier died Wednesday, April 14, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital.

He had retired in 1985 from Monsanto Corp. in Ligonier.

Mr. Fisher was an Army veteran of World War II and a member of Ligonier American Legion Post 243 and 40 & 8 of Rome City. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge and the Ligonier Fire Department.

He was born July 21, 1922, in Ligonier the son of Vern B. and Flossie (Lake) Fisher. On Oct. 10, 1949, in Albion he married Roberta Johnson. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Carol Gunder of Ligonier; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness and officials from the Elks Lodge and the Ligonier Fire Department officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery with military graveside services by American Legion Post 243.

Memorials are to the family.

Robert Vance

LIGONIER — Robert A. Vance, 82, of Ligonier died at 1:25 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Vance had been a press operator at Bendix Corp. of South Bend.

He graduated in 1942 from Ligonier High School and was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Vance was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. He was a member and past Worshipful Master of the Ligonier Masonic Lodge 185, a charter member of the Noble County Shrine Club, the Scottish Rite in Fort Wayne, the Mizpah Shrine Temple and the Keystone Kops parade unit. He was also a member and past commander of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and had been a member of the 40 & 8.

He enjoyed listening to Big Band music, fishing, listening to the Indianapolis 500 race, watching nature and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Vance was born Feb. 27, 1922, in Noble County to Harry Stanton and Mildred (Moore) Vance. On Sept. 30, 1945, in Merriam, he married Edith Keister. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara Lengacher of Ligonier, Cindy and Brian Rasler of Topeka, Karen and Les Hamell of Kimmell and Susan Vance of Ligonier; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Catherine Poppy.

Services were Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be at a later date at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Crippled Children Hospitals.

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Bruce Avery

MILLERSBURG — Bruce Lynn Avery, 44, of Millersburg died at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2004, in Kimmell.

Mr. Avery

Mr. Avery was a driver for Kreider Manufacturing and a U.S. Army veteran.

He enjoyed watching old Western movies.

Mr. Avery was born Nov. 7, 1959, in Kalamazoo, Mich., to Wayne and Norma (Quigg) Avery. His father died in 1984 and his mother, Norma Quigg Pate, survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are a son, Scott W. Avery of Millersburg; a stepdaughter, Amanda Eppert of Syracuse; four brothers, Terry Avery of Nappanee, Henry Avery of Kimmell, Bret Avery of Merriam, and Mike Avery of Kimmell; a sister, Teresa Alfrey of Syracuse; two stepgrandchildren; eight nieces and nephews; and two great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Raymond, in 1998.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services by Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Elkhart County.

Molinda Criqui

WAWAKA — Molinda Criqui, 61, of Wawaka died at 1:45 a.m. Sunday, April 18, 2004, at IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Criqui had moved to Wawaka in 1975 from Kansas. She had been employed for 10 years at Starcraft in Topeka.

She had been a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Criqui was born Oct. 23, 1942, in Handshoe, Ky., to William and Lilly (Moore) Hicks. On March 8, 1969, she married Leo Criqui. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Phillip of Topeka, Kan., and Jeremiah of Albion; five daughters, Teresa Johnston and Teresa Plemons, both of Topeka, Kan., Ramona Long of Jacksonville, Fla., Donna Jones of Wawaka and Brenda Staton of Ligonier; a brother, Scott Itschner of Salina, Kan.; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie.

Services were Wednesday at Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial was in Orange Township Cemetery at Rome City.

Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God.

Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion handled arrangements.

Daisy Hootman

LIGONIER — Daisy Hootman, 90, of Ligonier died at 2:21 p.m. Thursday, April 15, 2004, at Americare Living in Goshen.

Retired after 45 years at Lyon and Greenleaf in Ligonier, Mrs. Hootman lived her entire life in the Ligonier area.

She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier.

She was born in Kosciusko County on March 28, 1914, to Sim and Myrtle (Crouch) Lewallen.

She married Milford Gose on Oct. 29, 1932. He preceded her in death in 1969.

On June 2, 1972, she married Andrew Hootman. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and John Stout of Topeka; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Frederick Gose of Midway, Ga. and Terry and Susan Gose of Ligonier; one sister, Ruby Shock of North Webster; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hootman was also preceded in death by two sisters.

Services were Monday at Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse with Pastor William Parks officiating. Burial was in North Webster Cemetery.

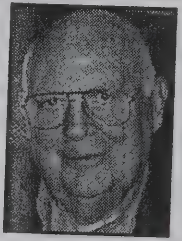
Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God.

THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

APRIL 24 2004

Vaughan Hadley

CHURUBUSCO — Vaughan A. Hadley, 81, a resident of rural Churubusco and LaOtto, died at 4:56 a.m. Thursday, April 22, 2004, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, from complications following elective surgery.


Mr. Hadley

He had worked at General Electric Co. and Ballistran Corp., both in Fort Wayne, and retired in 1990 from Magnavox where he worked in the Auburn, Fort Wayne and Churubsco plants. He was the owner of Spee-D Manufacturing in LaOtto and farmed for many years.

He was a member of Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne and a 50-year member of Huntertown Lodge 689 F&AM, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Fort Wayne Valley, Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star, and Mizpah Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S., Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hadley was born May 27, 1922, in Poe to Guy and Lois (Vaughan) Hadley.

He married June P. Leiter May 21, 1954, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Sandra Hadley of LaOtto, and a host of family who express "undying memory of your loving dedication, selfless generosity, and gentle spirit."

Preceding him in death were his parents and three sisters, Virginia Bastress, Eleanor Daler and Lucile Hadley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Pastor Scott Shoaff of the Simpson United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be at Hooper-King Cemetery of rural Avilla.

Calling will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, and for one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

Memorials are to Shriner's Hospital for Burned and Crippled Children or Simpson United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Linda Sessford

FREMONT — Linda Lou Sessford, 53, of Fremont died at 5:05 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had worked at Bundy in Ashley since 1996.

She was born in Garrett July 14, 1950, to Norman and Effie (Rowe) Peckhart.

On Nov. 2, 1974, she married Charles Edward Sessford.

Surviving are her husband; two sons, Scott Gramling of Auburn and Bryan Gramling of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Melissa Pawson of Hillsdale, Mich.; five stepdaughters, Edwina "Wendy" Catterall of Angola, Teresa Bussing of Garrett, Roberta Leland of Garrett, Shiela Sheets of Edon, Ohio, and Veronica Sessford of Angola; two sisters, Janet Deam of Auburn and Beverly Schieber of Ashley; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 21 stepgrandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Charles William Sessford, and her parents.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Circle Cemetery of Hudson, the Rev. John Garrison officiating.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

Services Held

AVILLA — Services for **Mildren G. Blust** were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Pallbearers were Karl Blust, David Blust, Scot Blust, Tim Blust, Zachary Blust and Christopher Marti. Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Brazzell Funeral Home of Avilla was in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

APRIL 25 2004

Sarah Ritchie enjoyed life of love

BY MAGGIE SHEPARD

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LAGRANGE — Friday, April 9, 2004, marked the end of a life in which love triumphed over hardship, family was everything and green beans had to be just right.

Sarah Ritchie, 87, died at her home surrounded by the family she raised and the husband she loved since she was 13 years old — maybe 9, if the story is true.

Sarah was born in Kentucky on April 7, 1917, to Elias and Elizabeth (Shepard) Smith. Through her young years, she and her family traveled between Indiana and Kentucky, and at one point the young girl was left with a relative to labor hard at laundry, chopping wood and cleaning for crackers or a jar of jam.

Andrew, a kid in the neighborhood, would play marbles with her older brothers and Sarah would watch him. The two started dating when she was 13, marrying three years later on Oct. 13, 1933, and eventually moving to Indiana with their six children. Andrew said Sarah told him she had a crush on him when she was only 9.

The two celebrated 70 years of marriage and the family remembers them as true partners, sitting close to one another reading the Bible, holding hands and making it through hard times with faith in one another.

Even in her last days, "Saree" puckered her lips for a kiss from Andrew.

She also made attempts to get up from her bed and cook for someone, anyone, just as she had her whole life.

"If anyone came any time of day or night they were offered food and bedding," her son Linville said. Linville and his wife, Doris, live in LaGrange.

"The most important thing in her life was love. Love of God. Love of family. Love of mankind," Doris said.

"She was the nucleus, everything revolved around her," her daughters, Hazel Miller of LaGrange and Marie Tuttle of Phoenix, Ariz., said.

But her love wasn't just for family. Growing things and animals also got her attention, and green beans were one of her favorites.

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Andrew and Sarah Ritchie were married for more than 70 years. Sarah Ritchie died on April 9, 2004, ending a life filled with love and family.

She and Andrew grew big gardens with enough vegetables to feed her family and neighbors.

"When you would come over she'd say, 'Come here, I want to show you something'," Linville said, "and by the time she was done you'd have seen everything."

Her children remember flowers and lots of them, vegetables and green beans in a particular way.

"Her beans or anything she had to do, she was particular," Andrew said.

Her family remembers "the best biscuits" and all sorts of remedies.

"She never quit caring for other people," Doris said.

Her family remembers, also, a woma who would get to laughing and not be ab to stop.

"She'd get tickled. She liked to mal you laugh," Hazel said.

"And she never did complain," Andre said.

She only asked that she not go into nursing home, and she didn't. Her fami cared for her in her home.

Sarah and Andrew were members Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Chur in Lisbon. Their daughter Marcella Grie lives in Highland Ranch, Colo., son Erv lives in Orland and son Oliver David liv in Kendallville. Sarah and Andrew al have 21 grandchildren and several gre grandchildren.

George Odom

LIGONIER — George Leo Odom, 66, of Ligonier, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Odom was born July 4, 1937, in McGurk, Mo., to George and Sylvia Odom. He married Joanne Taylor on June 22, 1957, in Summersville, Mo. She survives.

He worked at Greenlee Texron in Genoa, Ill. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Topeka. He loved his grandchildren, and he loved to fish and be in the woods.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Kay and Harley Wingard of Benton; a son and daughter-in-law, Leo Dwayne and Karen Odom of DeKalb, Ill.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Edith Johnson of Walla Walla, Wash., Wilma and Murle Gabersion of Crestview, Ore., and Shirley and Harold Schweigauser of Kingston, Ill.; a granddaughter, Marissa Beth, and four stepgrandchildren, Wayne Winegard, Sadie Carrico, Lucinda Raines and Cindy Pires.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Clifford, Elmo, Don and Forrest Clay; and a sister, Lorene.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Phil Blake officiating. Calling will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Barbara Nicole

ANGOLA — Barbara D. Nicole, 45, of Angola, died Thursday, April 22, 2004, at her home.

Ms. Nicole was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 7, 1958, to Jack C. and Norma D. (Weikel) Nicole.

She worked as a caregiver.

Surviving are her father, Jack C. Nicole of Sebring, Fla.; a son, Baily D. Hunter Nicole of Angola; three brothers, Charles Nicole of Fort Wayne, Fred Nicole of Lebanon, Tenn., and Jack Nicole II of Montgomery, Mich.; and a sister, Evelyn Thomas of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her mother on July 8, 1992.

A wake will be held Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is handling arrangements.

Marie LaBadie

LIGONIER — Marie "Mae" LaBadie, 86, of Ligonier died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Avalon Nursing Facility in Ligonier.

Mrs. LaBadie was born Nov. 18, 1915, in Chicago to Edward F. and Mary Ann (Boggs) O'Leary. She married Robert LaBadie in Chicago in 1941. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She had worked as a retail clerk in Chicago. She enjoyed boating, dancing and parties.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Larry, in 1993; a sister, Irene Smith in 1999; and a brother-in-law, Edward Smith in 1991.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Calling will be Monday from 5 p.m. until the service.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Warsaw.

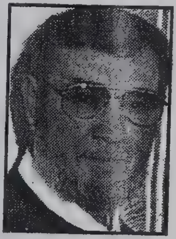
THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

APRIL 26 2004

William Miller

MIDDLEBURY — William D. Miller, 69, of Middlebury died at 3:28 a.m. today, April 26, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Miller was self-employed as a farmer and livestock hauler. He had spent most of his life in Elkhart County.


Mr. Miller

He was a member of Fairhaven Amish Mennonite Church in Goshen where he was ordained on May 8, 1966, as a deacon.

Mr. Miller was born Aug. 8, 1934, in LaGrange County to Daniel and Susie (Mast) Miller. On Dec. 3, 1953, he married Edna Ellen Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Glen and Esther Miller and Wilbur and Marilyn Miller, all of Middlebury, and Maynard and Rhoda Miller of Goshen; a sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Lester Miller of Skidmore, Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Wilbur and Mary Esther Miller of Topeka; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, David Miller; and a grandson, Jared Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Amish Mennonite Church in Goshen with Bishop Wilbur Yoder and the Revs. Dan B. Miller, Neal Beachy and Dale Hochstetler officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Theresa Reade

KENDALLVILLE — Theresa P. Reade, 105, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 25, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Melvin Bischoff

WOLCOTTVILLE — Melvin Bischoff, 73, of Witmer Lake north of Wolcottville, died at 5 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2004.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

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APRIL 27 2004

Theresa Reade

KENDALLVILLE — Theresa P. Reade, 105, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 25, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Reade was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Reade

She was born April 10, 1899, in Kendallville to John and Alice Bogner. On Nov. 19, 1919, in Kendallville, she married Charles Reade. He died Oct. 29, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathryn Strater Ligman of Kendallville; two grandsons Gary Strater and his wife, Nancy, of Kendallville and Craig Strater of Kendallville; two stepgranddaughters and their husbands, Lois and Greg White of Kendallville and Karen and Denny Jordan of LaOtto; two stepgrandsons and their wives, David and Tina Ligman of Bedford and Richard and Shirley Ligman of Lapel; three great-granddaughters, Christine Strater of Parker, Colo., Kimberly Schroeder and her husband, Joe, of Kendallville, and Deedra VanAllen and her companion, Pat Schoudel, of Avilla; a great-grandson and his wife, Scott and Belinda Strater of Kendallville; three stepgreat-grandsons, Chad Jordan of Coldwater, Mich., Luke Ligman of Bedford, and Todd Johnson of Lapel; three stepgreat-granddaughters, Katie Sechler of Bedford, Megan Ligman of Bedford, and Stacy Weeks and her husband, James, of Lapel; three great-great-grandchildren, Kassidi VanAllen, Stacey Strater and Jessica Schroeder; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Albert Colvin

FORT WAYNE — Albert M. "Al" Colvin, 80, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco died at 4:15 a.m. today, April 27, 2004, at Applewood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Lula Belle Wooten

GARRETT — Lula Belle Wooten, 76, of Garrett and formerly of Columbia City died at 4:46 a.m. Monday, April 26, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor where she had been a resident since January 2003.

Mrs. Wooten moved to Fort Wayne in 1952 from Greenville, Tenn. She had worked at Lutheran Hospital from 1952-1959, and then at various nursing homes. She moved to Columbia City in 1962. She retired from Whitley County Memorial Hospital after 25 years of service.

She was a member of American Legion Post 98 Auxiliary and VFW Post 5582 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Wooten was born June 17, 1927, near Greenville, Tenn., to Van and Ella Lee (Statton) Norton. On Sept. 27, 1963, she married Glen H. Wooten. He died Oct. 25, 1995.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth Brown of LaFontaine and David Brown of Greenville; two daughters, Norma Leslie of Elkhart and Glenda Sue McClellan of LaOtto; a half sister, June of Greenville; two half brothers, Jimmie Norton and Furmon Norton, both of Greenville; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, LeRoy, Joe Cephas, Van Jr. and Roston Norton; two sisters, Willa Kate Parnell and Gladys Mae; and three half sisters, Pearley, Magline and Mammie.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Thomas Beers of Columbia City Church of the Nazarene Church officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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Melvin Bischoff

WOLCOTTVILLE — Melvin H. Bischoff, 73, of Witmer Lake near Wolcottville died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Bischoff was a Korean War veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy from 1948-1957. He was a member of the Rome City American Legion, and the VFW and the Eagles Lodge in Kendallville.

He was employed by Lincoln Food Service in Fort Wayne as a product engineer. He retired in 1998 after 10 years of service.

Mr. Bischoff was born March 27, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Hugo Fredrick and Elizabeth Kay (Main) Bischoff. On Aug. 19, 1958, in Fort Wayne, he married June Kathleen Shannon. She died Nov. 8, 2000.

Surviving are brothers and sisters-in-law, Dan and Elsie Brandenberg of Fort Wayne, Raymond and Carolyn Boggs of Geneva and Mary Beck of Grabill.

Also preceding him in death were four brothers, Ralph, Hugo Jr., William and Gordon Bischoff.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA

APRIL 28 2004

Murder victim identified

BY MATT GETTS

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FORT WAYNE — The Fort Wayne woman shot and killed Monday afternoon in the 4400 block of Warsaw Street in Fort Wayne has been identified as a woman with ties to northeast Indiana.

Crow

Yvonne E. Crow, 39, has family in the area. Funeral arrangements are being handled by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

In the obituary the family provided, only the state of residence of survivors was included because Crow's killer is still at large.

According to a press release from the Fort Wayne Police Department, a 911 call reported a shooting in a rear alleyway of Warsaw Street at 12:50 p.m. Monday. Officers on the scene found one female victim in her 30s suffering from an apparent gunshot wound.

The victim was transported in critical condition to a local hospital, where she was later pronounced dead.

The shooter is described

VICTIM: *Woman and shooter arrived at scene together*

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cap, a white long-sleeve shirt and gray sweatpants. The suspect was driving a gray or silver two-door Beretta or Cavalier model. The vehicle was described as being in ratty or beat-up condition.

Anyone with information regarding the shooting is asked to call the Fort Wayne Police Department's detective bureau at 427-1201 or Crime Stoppers at 436-7867.

According to a Fort Wayne newspaper, Crow had a misdemeanor prostitution charge filed in March. She also had misdemeanor convictions of visiting a common nuisance, criminal conversion and check fraud, in Allen County.

Crow had two Class D felony theft convictions in Noble County. She served six months after a 1999 conviction, and another six months in the Noble County Jail following a 2002 conviction.

According to police, both Crow and the shooter were seen getting out of the same car at the scene, according to newspaper reports.

For more information on services and burial, see the full obituary on this page.

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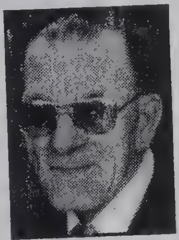
Albert Colvin

FORT WAYNE — Albert M. "Al" Colvin, 80, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Applewood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.


Mr. Colvin

Mr. Colvin served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1948. He spend much of his life in Kokomo before moving to Fort Wayne in 1980. He had moved to Churubusco in 1982.

He had been employed as a tile setter at F&M Tile in Fort Wayne and had later worked at the Kmart Distribution Center and at Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco.

Mr. Colvin was born March 28, 1923, in Kokomo to Albert M. and Blondie M. (Shively) Colvin. On Jan. 30, 1982, he married Waunieta M. (Walt) McCoy. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sherry and Joseph Traylor of Denver, Colo.; a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Merilee Colvin of Denver; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Pamela and Albert Rening of Churubusco and Maureen and James Culler of Avilla; a stepson and his wife, Richard L. and Pamela McCoy of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Margaret Colvin of Phoenix, Ariz., and Charles and Clara Colvin of Kokomo; a sister, Emma Hood of Kokomo; four grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and eight stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Eddie Jones officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery near Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Churubusco Church of the Nazarene.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Nancy Stagg

FORT WAYNE — Nancy Collins Stagg, 66, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mrs. Stagg had taught school at Aboite Elementary School. She retired in 2000.

She was a 1955 graduate of Kendallville High School and a 1959 graduate of Indiana University where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority.

Mrs. Stagg had lived in Fort Wayne since 1960. She was involved with the Fort Wayne Junior League, Heritage Antique Club, Tri Kappa and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and traveling.

Surviving are her husband, Michael Stagg of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Sarah St. Charles of Half Moon Bay, Calif., Elizabeth Brown of Bellbrook, Ohio, and Mary Martha Frank of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Julie Stagg of International Falls, Minn.; a stepson, David Stagg of Highmore, S.D.; a brother, Trent M. Patterson of Bluffton; and 11 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Kenneth and Geraldine Patterson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home with a vigil at 8:30 p.m. Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Joan Post

LAGRANGE — Joan Marie Post, 73, of LaGrange died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Post lived all of her life in the LaGrange and Sturgis, Mich., area. She had retired from Kirsch Co. in Sturgis.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange, the Moose Lodge in Sturgis and the Orland American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Post was born June 7, 1930, in Noble County to Jay and Gertrude A. (Leitch) Grogg. On March 7, 1973, in Watseka, Ill., she married Haven E. Post. He died Jan. 18, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James F. and Karen Lounsbury of LaGrange; two sisters and brothers-in-law, June and Robert Vaughn of Shipshewana and Jean and Claude Davis of Angola; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Francis J. Grogg of LaGrange and Jerry O. and Anneliese Grogg of LaGrange; two grandchildren and their spouses, Tara and Thodd Marks of Waterloo and Joshua and Beth Lounsbury of Sturgis; and two great-grandchildren, Kole J. Lounsbury of Sturgis and Ayden T. Marks of Waterloo.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ray Grogg, Max Grogg and Kay Grogg.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church or the Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Yvonne Crow

FORT WAYNE — Yvonne E. Crow, 39, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She had been a waitress.

She was born Jan. 30, 1965, in Detroit, Mich., to Harold and Judith (Daniels) Crow. Her father survives in Texas. In 1990, she married Lawrence Barnes. He survives.

Mrs. Crow

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Angel and Jeffrey Arnold of Indiana; a son, Brian Barnes of Texas; her grandmother, Eloise Daniels of Michigan; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Harold and Diane Crow of Michigan, James Crow of Texas and Christopher Crow of Texas; two sisters; a grandson, Gordon Arnold of Indiana; a granddaughter, Judith Arnold of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Pauline Esterline

WABASH - PAULINE E. ESTERLINE, 75, formerly of 672 N. Spring Street, Wabash, Indiana, died 2:30 am Saturday, April 24, 2004 at the home of her daughter in Wabash. She was born on August 19, 1928, in Bradner, Ohio, to Ivra Duquett and Mabel (King) Duquett. She married James A. Esterline on May 1, 1966 in Fort Wayne, Indiana; he died October 18, 1975.

She retired from Dwyer Industries of South Whitley in 1999, was former owner of Main Street Furniture of North Manchester, and was a member of Women of the Moose also of North Manchester.

She is survived by two daughters, Cynthia N. (David) Quinn of Huntertown, and Sherry E. (Earl) Coe of Wabash; two sons, Stephen A. (Barbara) Crozier, and Jeffrey E. (Donna) Crozier of Liberty Center, OH; her brother, Albert (Norma) Duquett of Napoleon, Ohio; her sister, Marie Bressler of Bowling Green, Ohio; seven grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Mark Crozier, five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral Services will be 10:30am Wednesday April 28, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Manchester Avenue Chapel, 1241 Manchester Avenue Wabash. Pastor J.P. Freeman will officiate. Friends may call 2-8pm Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Wednesday. Burial will be at Oaklawn Cemetery of North Manchester, Indiana. There will be a Women of the Moose memorial service Tuesday at 6:30pm at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are Wabash-Miami Home Healthcare and Hospice.

Bruce Avery

MILLERSBURG - Bruce Lynn Avery, 44, of Millersburg died Tuesday, April 20, 2004, in Kimmell.

Mr. Avery was a driver for Kreider Manufacturing and a U.S. Army veteran.

He enjoyed watching old Western movies.

Mr. Avery was born November 7, 1959, in Kalamazoo, MI, to Wayne and Norma (Quigg) Avery. His father died in 1984 and his mother, Norma Quigg Pate, survives in Kimmell.

Also surviving are a son, Scott W. Avery of Millersburg; a stepdaughter, Amanda Eppert of Syracuse; four brothers, Terry Avery of Nappanee, Henry Avery of Kimmell, Bret Avery of Merriam, and Mike Avery of Kimmell; a sister, Teresa Alfrey of Syracuse; two stepgrandchildren; eight nieces and nephews; and two great-nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Raymond, in 1998.

Services were held Saturday, April 24, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Harlan Steffen officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military graveside services by Ligonier American Legion Post 243.

Memorials are to Hospice of Elkhart County.

Imogene LaRowe

WATERLOO – Imogene R. "Jean" LaRowe, 80, died Monday, April 19, 2004, at her home in rural Waterloo.

Mrs. LaRowe was a homemaker and a member of Maple Grove United Methodist Church and the Model Home Demonstration Club.

She was born March 24, 1924, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Frances (Thompson) Knapp.

She married Paul LaRowe on January 27, 1945, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Richard Smith of Corunna; two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith and Esther LaRowe of San Antonio, Texas, and Jeff and Cathy LaRowe of Corunna; two brothers, Norman Knapp of Sarasota, FL, and Dale Knapp of Auburn; three sisters, Reba Sliger of Englewood, FL, Janet Greon of Fowler, and Myrna Demske of Avilla; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Eldon and Ivan Knapp.

Services were held Friday, April, 23, 2004, at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Doug Barber officiated. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorials are to Maple Grove United Methodist Church or DeKalb Hospice.

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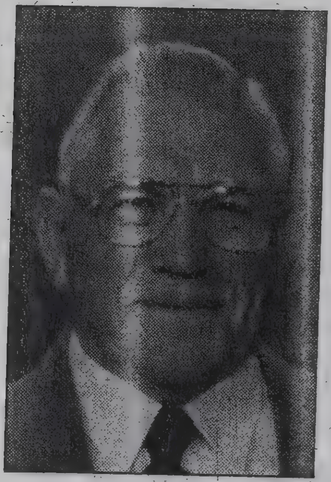

Lowell Poyser

CHURUBUSCO – Lowell M. Poyser, 81, of Churubusco died Wednesday, April 21, 2004, at home.

Mr. Poyser graduated from Wolf Lake High School and attended Purdue University. He retired in 1982 from International Harvester, where he worked as a process engineer. He was a member of American Legion Post 82 of Fort Wayne and Churubusco Masonic Lodge 515, where he served as past master.

He enjoyed his family, umpiring Little League baseball, bowling, golf and wintering in Florida.

He was born June 17, 1922, in Noble County to Dale B. and Mary E. (Lindsey) Poyser. On July 22, 1950, in Albion, he married Ruth E. Marriott. She survives in Churubusco.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Jim Spangle of Fort Wayne; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Ron Poyser of Albion, Jim and Sharon Poyser and Dan and Nancy Poyser, all of Churubusco, Jerry and Pat Poyser of Angola and Bud and Barbara Poyser of New Haven; a sister, Retha Smith of Pontiac, MI; 14 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, a brother and a sister.

Services were held Saturday, April 24, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the Rev. Rick VanHorn officiating. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 82.

Masonic services were held by the Churubusco Masonic Lodge 515 on Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice of Fort Wayne.

Theresa Reade

KENDALLVILLE – Theresa P. Reade, 105, of Kendallville died Sunday, April 25, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Reade was a member of Faith United Methodist Church.

She was born April 10, 1899, in Kendallville to John and Alice Bogner. On November 19, 1919, in Kendallville, she married Charles Reade. He died October 29, 1981.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathryn Strater Ligman of Kendallville; two grandsons Gary Strater and his wife, Nancy, of Kendallville and Craig Strater of Kendallville; two stepgranddaughters and their husbands, Lois and Greg White of Kendallville and Karen and Denny Jordan of LaOtto; two stepgrandsons and their wives, David and Tina Ligman of Bedford and Richard and Shirley Ligman of Lapel; three great-granddaughters, Christine Strater of Parker, Colo., Kimberly Schroeder and her husband, Joe, of Kendallville, and Deedra VanAllen and her companion, Pat Schoudel, of Avilla; a great-grandson and his wife, Scott and Belinda Strater of Kendallville; three stepgreat-grandsons, Chad Jordan of Coldwater, Mich., Luke Ligman of Bedford, and Todd Johnson of Lapel; three stepgreat-granddaughters, Katie Sechler of Bedford, Megan Ligman of Bedford, and Stacy Weeks and her husband, James, of Lapel; three great-great-grandchildren, Kassidi VanAllen, Stacey Strater and Jessica Schroeder; and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. James Toole of Faith United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Neoma Wies

FORT WAYNE – Neoma "Dolly" Wies, 72, of Fort Wayne died Monday, April 19, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Wies was a native of Kendallville. She was a homemaker and had spent most of her life in Huntertown.

She was a 4-H horse and pony club leader for 33 years.

Surviving are her husband, Donald P. Wies Sr. of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra S. and Gary Warner of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Donald P. Jr. and Judi Wies of Avilla and Rick J. and Cathy Wies of Big Arm, MT; six grandchildren, Kyle, Jason, Darcy, Cody, Adam and Heath; and one great-grandchild, Baily.

Services were held Friday, April 23, 2004, at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Allen County 4-H Horse & Pony Club or River City Ministries.

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Drug dealer may be murder suspect

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KENDALLVILLE — The daughter of Fort Wayne murder victim Yvonne E. Crow believes her mother's killer may be a drug dealer who carried out a death threat made seven months ago.

Crow, 39, formerly of Kendallville, was shot at 12:50 p.m. Monday while she stood near a truck in the alley between Warsaw and Monroe streets in Fort Wayne. On Tuesday, the Allen County coroner ruled her death the ninth homicide in Fort Wayne this year. All have occurred on the city's southeast side.

Crow

Witnesses told Fort Wayne Police that a man pulled into the alley in a small, silver-colored two-door vehicle and shot Crow. She was rushed to a Fort Wayne hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

The suspect was described as a black male who stands about 5 feet, 7 inches tall, with a thin build. He was wearing a red ball cap, long-sleeved white shirt and gray sweat pants.

Crow's daughter, Angel Arnold, 22, said Wednesday her mother was "a good person who had done wrong before but who had straightened out her life."

A native of Detroit, Crow lived in Texas for many years before coming to Kendallville in 1999 to be near her sister.

Arnold said that about two years ago, because of depression, Crow got involved with drugs and "lost everything because of it." That included losing custody of Arnold's brother, Brian Barnes, now 12, who is under the care of a grandmother in Texas. (The boy's father is in prison.)

About seven months ago, Crow moved to Indianapolis to get away from the drug scene in Fort Wayne. "She had turned in a drug dealer in Fort Wayne (to the police) and was told (by a drug dealer) that if she ever showed her face in Fort

SUSPECT: *Mother-daughter relationship had improved*

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Wayne again, they would put a bullet in her," Arnold said.

Crow was living with her boyfriend in Indianapolis, working as a waitress at a Denny's restaurant, until three weeks ago when that relationship soured. After she was allegedly beaten by the boyfriend, Arnold said her mother moved back to Fort Wayne.

"I talked to my mother Sunday night," said Arnold. "She was crying and wanted out of Fort Wayne. But her boyfriend (in Indianapolis) wouldn't take her back."

Monday, an older friend she was living with dropped her off on Lafayette Street around 10 a.m. Some of the last words she said to him was, "I did something wrong — I messed up. I can't tell you or you'll be involved," Arnold said.

Crow had a police record in Allen and Noble counties. She served six months after a 1999 Class D felony conviction, and another six months in the Noble County Jail following a 2002 Class D felony conviction.

She also was facing a misdemeanor prostitution charge in Fort Wayne, of which Arnold said her mother was innocent. "She was leaning into a car, talking to an older friend, when she was arrested," Arnold said. "She and her friend were going to appear in court together in May to fight the charge."

Arnold said her own relationship with her mother had deteriorated when Crow was involved with drugs. But since her mother moved to Indianapolis, their relationship had improved. "In the last few weeks my mother called me everyday to see how I was doing," Arnold said. "We had really become close again and she had really cleaned up her act. She was the kind of person who would have done anything to help someone.

"My favorite memory of my mother is that she used to say to me when I was sad that I 'looked pretty when I cried.' That made me feel better."

Anyone with information about Crow's shooting death is asked to call the Fort Wayne Police Department at 427-1201, or Crime Stoppers at 436-7867.

Mary Geiger

CROMWELL — Mary R. Geiger, 96, of Cromwell died at 6:25 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor of Syracuse where she had been a resident since December 2003.

Mrs. Geiger was a lifetime rural Noble County resident. She was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Geiger

Mrs. Geiger was a homemaker and helped on the family farm. She enjoyed doing yard work, cooking and embroidering.

Mrs. Geiger was born Sept. 14, 1907, in Noble County to Edward and Stella (Pritchard) Birch. In 1928 in Merriam, she married Adrian M. Geiger. He died in 1968.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, JD and Bonita Geiger of North Webster, Charles and Pat Geiger of Cromwell and Hugh and Kay Geiger of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Evelyn Deer

KENDALLVILLE — A memorial service for Evelyn Deer of Kendallville will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating.

Burial will be at a later date in Stow, Mass.

Mrs. Deer died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home.

She had been a member of the First Presbyterian Church and a participant in the St. John Lutheran Church Bible Study Group in Kendallville.

Among her survivors are a son and daughter-in-law, Alvi R. and Judy Moore of Kendal ville.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill nursing home or th First Presbyterian Church.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Melvin Bischoff** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Toole officiating. Burial was in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville. Pallbearers were Duane Smith, Jim North, Denny Beck and Jim Toole.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Theresa Reade** were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Toole and the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Scott Strater, Joe Schoudel, Joe Schroeder, Greg White, Dean Gillespie and David Grubb. Honorary pallbearers were Chad Jordan, Denny Jordan, David Ligman and Richard Ligman.

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George Odom

LIGONIER — George Leo Odom, 66, of Ligonier, died Saturday, April 24, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Odom was born July 4, 1937, in McGurk, Mo., to George and Sylvia Odom. He married Joanne Taylor on June 22, 1957, in Summersville, Mo. She survives.

He worked at Greenlee Texron in Genoa, Ill. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Topeka. He loved his grandchildren, and he loved to fish and be in the woods.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Kay and Harley Wingard of Benton; a son and daughter-in-law, Leo Dwayne and Karen Odom of DeKalb, Ill.; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Edith Johnson of Walla Walla, Wash., Wilma and Murle Gabersion of Crestview, Ore., and Shirley and Harold Schweigauser of Kingston, Ill.; a granddaughter, Marissa Beth, and four step-grandchildren, Wayne Winegard, Sadie Carrico, Lucinda Raines and Cindy Pires.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Clifford, Elmo, Don and Forrest Clay; and a sister, Lorene.

Services were Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Phil Blake officiating.

Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Marie LaBadie

LIGONIER — Marie "Mae" LaBadie, 86, of Ligonier died Friday, April 23, 2004, at Avalon Nursing Facility in Ligonier.

Mrs. LaBadie was born Nov. 18, 1915, in Chicago to Edward F. and Mary Ann (Boggs) O'Leary. She married Robert LaBadie in Chicago in 1941. He preceded her in death in 1988.

She had worked as a retail clerk in Chicago. She enjoyed boating, dancing and parties.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Larry, in 1993; a sister, Irene Smith in 1999; and a brother-in-law, Edward Smith in 1991.

Services were Monday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Warsaw.

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William Uptgraft

Mr. Uptgraft

MERRIAM — William A. Uptgraft, 76, of Merriam died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered a heart attack Christmas Day and had been hospitalized since then.

Mr. Uptgraft had been employed at Essex Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 42 years and had spent more than 27 years as a semi driver. He retired in 1989.

He was educated at Elmhurst High School before being inducted into the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Uptgraft was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and Albion American Legion Post 246. He enjoyed airplanes and was an avid fisherman.

He was born Oct. 6, 1927, in Waynedale the son of Milo R. and Ruth Naomi (Zimmerman) Uptgraft. On Oct. 9, 1948, in Waynedale he married Leona M. Geiger. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and William Von Drau of Fort Wayne, Mary and Charles Herman of Cranston, R.I., and Martha and Joseph Hubbard of Churubusco; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Douglas and Laurie Uptgraft of Olympia, Wash., Russell and Peggy Uptgraft of Churubusco, Thomas and Nancy Uptgraft of North Pole, Alaska, and Mark Uptgraft of Goshen; a daughter-in-law, Ann Uptgraft of Edgar Springs, Mo.; a sister and brother-in-law, Alice and David Huffman of Churubusco; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert and Gloria Uptgraft and Richard Uptgraft, all of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Earl Uptgraft, on Dec. 10, 2000; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Garden with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are Masses or to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Linda Burch-Hagaman

ANGOLA — Linda Burch-Hagaman, 50, of Angola, died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Burch-Hagaman was born April 6, 1954, in Angola, to Wendell R. and Margaret Ann (DeLong) Burch. She had been an Angola area resident for many years, and had worked at Angola Wire.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Robert Harris of Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Deb and Jim Walkup of Kendallville; and a brother, Robert J. Burch of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Jason Hagaman, a brother, David Lee Burch, and a sister, Lori Jean Burch.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson-Klink Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Minear officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery, Hamilton.

John Keenan

Mr. Keenan

LAGRANGE — John G. Keenan, 81, of LaGrange died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Keenan had retired as director of distribution for Sealed Power Corp. in LaGrange. He had moved to LaGrange from Kendallville in 1935.

He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Keenan was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in LaGrange. He was also a member of American Legion Post 215, the LaGrange County Shrine Club and the Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&AM, all in LaGrange, and the Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine, both in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 2, 1923, in Madison, Wis., the son of Larry and Thelma (Gardner) Keenan. On Jan. 26, 1945, in Amarillo, Texas, he married Joan Gage. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Sue Keenan of LaGrange; a son and daughter-in-law, Timothy and Susan Keenan of Lafayette; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Schlaf; and a brother, Tom Keenan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday. A Masonic services will be at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

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Dean Albaugh

COLUMBIA CITY — Dean B. Albaugh, 68, of Columbia City died at 1:21 p.m. Thursday, April 29, 2004, at his home following a brief illness.

Mr. Albaugh worked at Flint & Walling in Kendallville for five years before enlisting in the United States Army Corps of Engineers. He served from Nov. 26, 1956, until being discharged on Nov. 25, 1959.

Mr. Albaugh

He had also worked at Columbia Engineering for nine years and at Essex. He retired [redacted] of the St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church, American Legion Post 98, Columbia Township Fire Department for 44 years, and was a founding member of the Whitley County Rescue Unit.

He was born Sept. 26, 1935, in Noble County the son of Clarence L. and Katherine J. (Marshall) Albaugh. His mother survives in Scott. He attended school in Kendallville and Rome City. On Oct. 5, 1996, he married Karen Juillerat. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, MaryAnn Albaugh of Westminster, Md., Anita and Brian Kelley of Columbia City, Carole and Tom Young of Fort Wayne and Deanna Albaugh of Baton Rouge, La.; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Diane Albaugh of New Haven and Roger and Gana Albaugh of Falls Church, Va.; a stepson, Anthony Nichols of Avilla; a stepdaughter, Angela McCoy of Columbia City; two brothers, Robert Albaugh of LaGrange and Jerry Albaugh of Scott; a sister Betty Hanson of Scott; and 12 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. James Haugen officiating. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery with military honors presented by American Legion Post 98.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with a prayer service at 5:30 p.m. A Volunteer Fireman's Service will be at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Columbia Township Fire Department.

Ralph Green

FORT WAYNE — Ralph William "Bill" Green, 53, of [redacted] Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Green was a technical trainer instructor with CenTec Technical Training. He had also worked at B.F. Goodrich.

He was a native of Goshen and a U.S. Army veteran of the Signal Corps 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One).

He loved his grandchildren, the Chicago Cubs and Phelps Station Bar in Woodburn.

Surviving are a daughter, Christine Rebecca Hardy of Grapevine, Texas; a brother, Fred Green of Cromwell; two sisters, Carol Pounds of Cromwell and Meg Amadeo of Syracuse; a grandson, Jonathan Taylor Hardy; and a granddaughter, Kimberly Lynn Hardy.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin Knight Green and Doris Rebecca VanAlstine Green; and a daughter, Tami Lynn Green.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Make-A-Wish of Indiana Inc.

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Rev. Homer Lynch

NEW CASTLE — The Rev. Homer Arthur Lynch, 78, of New Castle died Tuesday, April 27, 2004, at his home.

Rev. Lynch had served Methodist churches in Willow Branch, Hoagland, Topeka, Linn Grove, Kimmell, Bourbon Elwood, Michigantown and Mount Etna. Following his retirement, he settled near New Castle and joined the High Street United Methodist Church in Muncie where he was active on the mission committee.

He was born April 15, 1926, in Baldwinsville, N.Y., the son of Arthur L. and L. Jennie Lynch. He received an associates degree in agriculture from Morrisville College in New York in 1947. In 1949, he earned a bachelor's degree in rural sociology from Oklahoma A&M (State).

In 1951, in Stillwater, Okla., he married Barbara Jean Copeland from Jefferson, Okla. The two had met at a United Methodist student campus ministry at the Wesley Foundation. He graduated from Westminster Seminary in Maryland in 1955 with a master of sacred theology. That same year he was ordained as an elder and transferred to the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Martha and Joseph Auslander of Parish, N.Y., and Beverly and William Kennedy of Muncie; four sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence and Ruth Lynch of Tiffin, Ohio, Lindley and Laura Lynch of Englewood, Ohio, Philip and Lori Lynch of Union City and Richard and Renee Lynch of Plainfield; and 15 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Crippen and a brother, Richard Lynch.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at High Street United Methodist Church, 219 S. High St., Muncie. Cremation will follow.

Calling will be from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to meeksmortuary@sbcglobal.net

Meeks Mortuary and Crematory in Muncie is in charge of arrangements.

M. Irene Gillespie

ASHLEY — M. Irene Parker Gillespie, 87, of Ashley, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler following a long illness.

She attended Salem Center High School and graduated in 1935. She managed Cortland Produce Co. in Ashley and worked at Sears in New Orleans and Valparaiso. She was the office manager for the Daily Vidette Messenger newspaper for 25 years and retired in 1982. She was active in civic affairs throughout the years she lived in Valparaiso. Among her accomplishments were her 50-year membership in the Ashley Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron; state corresponding secretary for the president of the B.P.W. and the local president for two years; president of the Lioness Club; volunteer bookkeeper for the Porter Co. Salvation Army for four years and service on their board; president and secretary of the Valparaiso Chapter of AARP, member of Hudson United Methodist Church and Valparaiso United Methodist Church,

She was born in Stroh on Sept. 27, 1916, to Logan and Cinnie (Tritch) Parker.

She married Buryl E. Smith on Oct. 24, 1936. He died in 1939.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Sandra Smith of Ashley and James and Barbara Smith of Angola; two sisters, Mary Lepley of Ashley and Ilah Notestine of Mongo; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff and Suzy Smith of Ashley, Scott and Pam Smith of Middlebury, Barry and Kim Smith of Lewis Center, Ohio, Jackie Smith and Buryl Smith, both of Ashley; and seven great-grandchildren, Britney, Hillary, Jarrett, Katherine, Benjamin and Claudia Smith.

She was preceded in death by her first husband; her parents; her husband, Richard Gillespie in 1997; two brothers, Thomas and Dan Parker; four sisters, Dorothy Lockwood, Glova Spears, Wanda Forrester and Linda Loucks.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. today at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Johnson Funeral Homes of Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services were held for **Yvonne Crow** Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tory Wyman, Greag Ballard, Caleb Temple, Jeffrey Arnold, Jim Bills Jr., and Tab. Funeral services were provided by Hite Funeral home in Kendallville.

Robert Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Robert D. Johnson died Friday, April 30, 2004, at 11:35 a.m. at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Charlotte Thrush

LUSK — Charlotte Louise Thrush, 83, of Lusk, died April 16, 2004.

She was married to her husband for over 60 years and was a homemaker her whole life. She and her husband moved to Lusk in 2001 to be near their daughter and grandchildren. She enjoyed eating at the Pizza Place, shopping and watching her great-granddaughter perform at her school programs. She enjoyed talking with and receiving pictures from her great-grandchildren.

She was born Feb. 13, 1921, in Indiana to Charles and Elizabeth (Kogan) McClish. She was raised in Indiana.

She is survived by her daughter, Sandra Jacob; her husband, Jerry; two granddaughters and their husbands, Julie and John Gustafson and Josette and Sean Dreeson; and three great-grandchildren, Sarah and Andrea Gustafson and Harlie Jo Dreeson.

She was preceded in death by her husband, L.D. Thrush; her parents, a brother and three sisters.

Services will be held in Orland on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Bustards Funeral Home in Casper was in charge of the arrangements.

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Amy Rittenhouse

KENDALLVILLE — Amy Denise Rittenhouse, 35, of Kendallville, died Thursday, Apr. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rittenhouse was born on April 22, 1969, in Tipton to Robert and Genney (McGinnis) Leeman.

She is survived by her mother and stepfather, Genney and James "Dutch" Hunsberger of Kendallville; a daughter, Amy Nicole Smith of Elwood; two sons, Rex Christopher Smith of Kendallville and Jason Dean Smith of Elwood; two sisters, Rebecca Leeman of Englewood, Ohio, and Felecia Jackson of Fishers; two brothers, Robert E. Leeman III and Andrew D. Jones, both of Kendallville; and a paternal grandmother, Lena Leeman of Atlanta, Ind.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Russell Rittenhouse; her father, Robert E. Leeman Jr.; a brother, Aaron J. Leeman; maternal grandparents, James and Eleanor McGinnis; and a paternal grandfather, Robert E. Leeman Sr.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Dunnichay Funeral Home, 1113 S. Anderson St., Elwood, with the Rev. James Archambeault officiating. Burial will be in the Aroma Cemetery in Atlanta, Ind.

Calling will be 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the funeral home for funeral expenses.

Chester Ross

ANGOLA — Chester A. Ross, 83, died Friday, April 30, 2004, at his home in Angola.

Born in Valparaiso, he was an inspector at Old Crown Brewery in Fort Wayne for 32 years and then a custodian at Prairie Heights High School for 10 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and the Battle of the Bulge from 1942 to 1945.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Lucile of Angola; a son, Dan of Fort Wayne; Craig and Mark, both of Fort Wayne; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jack Earl Ross, in 1988, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from noon-2 p.m. before the services with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to the Cameron Home Healthcare and Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with corrected information.*

M. Irene Gillespie

ASHLEY — M. Irene Parker Gillespie, 87, of Ashley, died Thursday, April 29, 2004, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home in Butler following a long illness.

She attended Salem Center High School and graduated in 1935. She managed Cortland Produce Co. in Ashley and worked at Sears in New Orleans and Valparaiso. She was the office manager for the Daily Vidette Messenger newspaper for 25 years and retired in 1982. She was active in civic affairs throughout the years she lived in Valparaiso. Among her accomplishments were her 50-year membership in the Ashley Eastern Star, serving as Worthy Matron; state corresponding secretary for the president of the B.P.W. and the local president for two years; president of the Lioness Club; volunteer bookkeeper for the Porter Co. Salvation Army for four years and service on their board; president and secretary of the Valparaiso Chapter of AARP, member of Hudson United Methodist Church and Valparaiso United Methodist Church.

She was born in Stroh on Sept. 27, 1916, to Logan and Cinnie (Tritch) Parker.

She married Buryl E. Smith on Oct. 24, 1936. He died in 1939.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jack and Sandra Smith of Ashley and James and Barbara Smith of Angola; two sisters, Mary Lepley of Ashley and Ilah Notestine of Mongo; five grandchildren and their spouses, Jeff and Suzy Smith of Ashley, Scott and Pam Smith of Middlebury, Barry and Kim Smith of Lewis Center, Ohio, Jackie Smith an Buryl Smith, both of Ashley; and seven great-grandchildren Britney, Jason, Hillary, Jarrett Katherine, Benjamin and Claudia Smith.

She was preceded in death by her first husband; her parents; her husband, Richard Gillespie in 1997; two brothers, Thomas and Dan Parker; four sisters, Dorothy Lockwood, Glova Spears, Wanda Forrester and Linda Loucks.

Graveside services were held Saturday morning at Woodruff Cemetery, Wolcottville, with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating.

Johnson Funeral Home of Hudson was in charge of arrangements.

David Miller

CROMWELL — David Joseph Miller, 50, of Cromwell died Friday, April, 30, 2004, at 9:10 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Miller was a lifetime resident of rural Cromwell. He was a delivery driver for UPS for 17 years. He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church, where he had served as an elder.

Mr. Miller

He enjoyed reading, fishing, and spending time with his children. He also loved to study the Bible.

He was born July 15, 1953, in Wolf Lake to Joseph and Gilva (Fausnaugh) Miller. His father survives in Kimmell. His mother preceded him in death.

On Oct. 20, 1984, in Stone's Hill Community Church, he married Kenda Miller. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a son, Min Miller, at home; three daughters, Laura, Janelle and Maria Miller, all at home; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Billie Brown of Ligonier and Becky and Kim Hausbauch of Goshen.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Stone's Hill Community Church with the Rev. Mitch Moser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church or Goshen Home Health and Hospice Care.

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Stanley Johnson

BLUFFTON — Stanley "Stan" D. Johnson, 49, of Bluffton died Friday, April 30, 2004, at 10:35 a.m. in Bluffton Regional Medical Center from a sudden heart attack.

Mr. Johnson was employed at the Parlor City County Club and assisted in grooming the golf course.

He graduated from Norwell High School in 1973 and served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 20 years, from July 1973 to October 1993.

After retiring from the military, Mr. Johnson worked in telecommunications.

He was a a past exalted ruler of Bluffton Elks Lodge 796 and was active in many Elks programs and events. He also was a member of American Legion Post 111.

He enjoyed golf, playing cards and being with friends. He was an avid Purdue, Colts and Cubs fan.

Mr. Johnson was a lifetime resident of Wells County except for his time in the Coast Guard.

He was born Nov. 25, 1954, in Bluffton to Eugene L. and Helen I. (Diehl) Johnson. His mother survives in Bluffton. His father preceded him in death.

On July 17, 1999, in Reno, Nev., he married Tara Jervis. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Aaron Johnson of Boulder, Colo., and Brian and Cathy Johnson of Long Beach, Calif.; a stepson, Anthony Costa of Sheriville; a stepdaughter, Alexandra Costa, at home; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Thomas and Sue Johnson of Bluffton, Steven and Ann Johnson of Elkhart, David Johnson and David's friend, Morgan, of Coarsegold, Calif., Timothy and Becky Johnson of Indianapolis, and Dennis and Karin Johnson of Fresno, Calif.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Debra and Gary Gabbard of Kendallville and Janice and David Wagoner of Norwich, N.Y.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton. Pastor Mike Gilbert will officiate. Burial will be in the Garden of Chimes at Elm Grove Cemetery in Bluffton.

Military graveside rites will be performed by American Legion Post 111.

Calling will be Monday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home, with an Elks memorial service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Stan Johnson Memorial Fund.

Howard Miller

LAGRANGE — Howard J. Miller, 57, of LaGrange died Friday, April 30, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mr. Miller was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County. He was a farmer and carpenter and a member of Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Nov. 23, 1946, in Eckhart County to Noah A. and Susie (Yoder) Miller. They survive in Shipshewana.

On Nov. 28, 1968, in LaGrange County, he married Esther A. Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lydia and Ernest Bontrager of Wolcottville and Susan and Samuel Schmucker of LaGrange; seven sons and a daughter-in-law, Noah H. and Christina Miller of Burr Oak, Mich., and Samuel H., Paul H., Neil H., Daniel H., Henry H. and Ernest H. and Ernest's special friend, Marlene Miller, all of LaGrange; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Richard Lambright of Shipshewana and Esther and Glen Miller of Middlebury; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Marvin and Katie Miller, Alton and Deb Miller, Perry and Polly Miller and Ivan and Doris Miller, all of Shipshewana, David and Debbie Miller of Florida and Vernon Miller of Spencerville; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Mattie Miller.

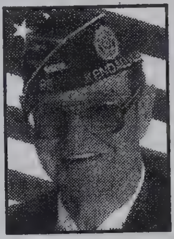
Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the Amzie Lehman residence, 250 W. C.R. 1310N, LaGrange, with Bishop Marvin Graber officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence, 2620 W. C.R. 50N, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Johnson

KENDALLVILLE — Robert D. Johnson, 78, of Kendallville died Friday, April 30, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center in Kendallville.


Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson was co-owner of Dynamics Fabricators in Kendallville. He also had worked in sales and marketing.

He was a graduate of Buffalo Center High School and Iowa State College with a degree in industrial arts education.

Mr. Johnson was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 2749, the Eagles Lodge, and a past commander of American Legion Post 86, all in Kendallville.

He was born Nov. 1, 1925, in Swea City, Iowa, to Jerome and Blanche (Knutsen) Johnson. On July 26, 1946, he married Marian Young. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Ramona and George Berg of Willmar, Minn., Jan and Jim Stevenson of Houston, Texas, and Sue and Len Conley of Fort Wayne; a brother, Jerry Johnson of Port Ludlow, Wash.; three grandsons, Matt Stevenson of West Lafayette, Scott Stevenson of Houston and Jeffrey Thorn of Charleston, S.C.; two granddaughters, Aimee Thorn of West Lafayette and Kristi Eischens and her husband, Mitch, of Willmar; and two great-grandsons, Cole and Conner Eischens.

He was preceded in death by a sister and a brother.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the VFW Post 2749 scholarship fund.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bernice B. Walkup** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Steven W. Stanley officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery at Rome City. Pallbearers were Ron Walkup, Frank Walkup, Charles Walkup, Mike Walkup, Don Hartman and Chris Barrientos.

Malcolm Baker

WAWAKA — Malcolm Earl Baker, 81, of Wawaka died at 2:30 p.m. Monday at his home.

Mr. Baker was co-owner of 3B Welding before his retirement.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ, Ligonier American Legion Post 243, Order of Eastern Star No. 325, Cromwell Masonic Lodge No. 705 F&AM, Fort Wayne Shrine Club, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Antique Power of the Shrine, and served as treasurer for 10 years of the Noble County Shrine Club.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker also was a member of the Noble County Antique Tractor Club, Noble County Antique Pullers Club, Keystone Cops and a former Sparta Cemetery trustee.

He was born Jan. 30, 1923, in Garrett to Frank M. and Elsie (Jones) Baker. On June 26, 1947, in Cromwell, he married Elizabeth June "Betty" Randall. She died July 30, 1996.

Surviving are his companion, Donna Jean Burns of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Stanley Hochstetler of Columbia City and Marsha and Roger Hainey of Troutwood, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Blaine and Kim Baker of Ligonier and Bill and Bonnie Baker of Cromwell; a sister, Phyllis Denham of Bothel, Wash.; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and a niece and a nephew.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Baker.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Sparta United Church of Christ with the Rev. Lynn Bartling and the Rev. Richard Renser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier with a Masonic service at 7 p.m., and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital or Sparta United Church of Christ.

David Johnson

PLEASANT LAKE — David S. Johnson, 31, of Pleasant Lake, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at the emergency room of Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Johnson was born in Fort Wayne on Aug. 29, 1972. He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

Surviving as his mother and stepfather, Bruce and Kathy McCoy of Pleasant Lake; a stepbrother, Daniel McCoy of Fort Wayne; stepgrandparents, Daniel and Jennie McCoy of Monroeville; an uncle and aunt, John and Phyllis Johnson of Fort Wayne; and two cousins, Sherry Bandt and Kim Johnson.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Michael's Cemetery, Waterloo, with the Rev. Dave Carkenord officiating.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is handling arrangements.

Cornelius Miller

VERMONTVILLE, Mich. — Cornelius A. "Neal" Miller, 93, of Vermontville and formerly of Middlebury, Ind., died at 3:25 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 2004, at the home of his daughter in Vermontville.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and carpenter and lived in the Middlebury area for most of his life.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 15, 1911, in Thomas, Okla., to Ananias E. and Magdelena (Hershberger) Miller. On Dec. 7, 1933, in Middlebury, he married Polly Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nettie and Gerald Hochstetler of Vermontville; three sons and daughters-in-law, Rudy and Lucille Miller of Middlebury, Ray and Mabel Miller of Goshen, Ind., and Mervin and Mary Miller of Shipshewana, Ind.; a brother, Ervin A. Miller of LaGrange; four stepsisters; 26 grandchildren; and 87 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, four sisters, his stepmother, three stepbrothers, and two stepsisters.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Daniel Jay Miller residence at 60223 C.R. 37, Middlebury, with Bishop Alvin Hershberger and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the Rudy Miller residence at 55915 C.R. 37, Middlebury.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Evelyn Friedel

EDGERTON, Ohio — Evelyn Luella Friedel, 84, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Community Hospitals of Williams County in Bryan, Ohio, where she was a patient.

Mrs. Friedel was born April 3, 1920, in Stryker, Ohio, to Melvin B. and Violet Stella (Sutton) Towers. She married Harold Owen Friedel on June 4, 1938, in Angola. He preceded her in death in 1973.

She was a homemaker, and was actively involved with the Edgerton Senior Center. She was a graduate of Stryker High School, and was a member of the Sodom Grange, the Ladies of the Moose in Angola, and the American Legion Auxiliary in Edgerton.

Surviving are four daughters, Peggy Bishop of Bryan, Sarah Jane Sweet of Stryker, Susan Kay Friedel of Angola and Michelle R. "Mitzi" Gary of Edgerton; four sons and daughters-in-law, Larry W. and Vanita Friedel of Bronson, Mich., Eric Lee and Pat Friedel of Bonita Springs, Fla., Randolph M. and Anna Friedel of Hudson and Dennis and Janet Friedel of Angola; a brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Laurene Towers of Bradenton, Fla.; 33 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with Pastor Eric Dailey officiating. Calling is today from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Edgerton Senior Center.

Condolences may be sent Friedelfamily@Krillfuneralservice.com.

Elsie Huffman

ANGOLA — Elsie M. Huffman, 93, of Angola, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Huffman was born Oct. 12, 1910, in Otsego Township in Steuben County, to Earl and Ethel (Dirrim) Lemmon. She was married to Russell C. Huffman, who preceded her in death on April 10, 1980.

She was a homemaker and had worked at Creek Chub Bait in Ashley. She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lloyd M. and Aurelia Huffman of Crestwood, Ky. and Harlan C. and Wendy Huffman of Auburn; a sister, Esther Sanders of Angola; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Barton Huffman in 1999, a sister, Edith Ulmer and a brother, Clay Lemmon.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with minister Tim Stiller officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Victor SanTizo

WOLCOTTVILLE — Victor Vincente SanTizo, 76, of Wolcottville died Thursday, April 29, 2004, in Lady of the Lake Hospital in Baton Rouge, La.

Mr. SanTizo had lived in Cass Lake, Minn., and Kendallville. He retired in 1989 from General Electric in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of the Kiwanis Club, Kendallville Elks Lodge, the American Legion, and the Kendallville Moose Lodge. He had been involved with many youth organizations, including serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 101 in Kendallville for 15 years and volunteering at the Youth Center in Kendallville. He had coached a girls baseball team in Fort Wayne.

Mr. SanTizo was a Navy veteran of the Korean War and was a Catholic.

He was born Oct. 27, 1927, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Central America, to Peter and Victoria (Orriols) SanTizo.

Surviving are a daughter, Ada McMullen of Wolcottville; and five cousins, Irma Juarez, Lionel Orriols, Sergio Juarez, and Josh and Jennifer Juarez, all of Baton Rouge.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his dog, Lady.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with military graveside services by the Orland American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Anthony Wayne Area Council, 8315 W. Jefferson Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46804 for Troop 103 or Troop 3512.

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Raymond Jones

KIMMELL — Raymond Jones, 69, of Kimmell died at 10:58 a.m. Monday, May 3, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jones moved to the Kimmell area 30 years ago from Wawaka. He retired in 1997 from Curto Foundry.

He enjoyed hunting and gardening.

Mr. Jones was born Oct. 5, 1934, in Filbert, W.Va. to Jess and Carrie (Lewis) Jones. On April 25, 1969, in Brimfield, he married Yvonne Wallen. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jalinda Jones of Cromwell; three stepsons, Larry Hicks and his wife, Melissa, of Kimmell, Gary Hicks of Avilla, and Harold Douglas Hicks of Montana; a sister, Stella Quesenberry of Caretta, W.Va.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Enola Gay Jones; a brother, Lawrence Jones; and a sister, Ruby Huff.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sam Sawyer and the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Marjorie Smith

GOSHEN — Marjorie Ellen Smith, 85, of Goshen died at 1:57 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Smith lived in Goshen for 1 1/2 years. Prior to that she lived in West Virginia and Cleveland, Ohio.

She was a member of the Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and singing in church.

Mrs. Smith was born Jan. 21, 1918, in Lincoln County, W.Va., to Crispon Fletcher and Nannie (Toney) Griffith.

Her husband, Wilbur Smith, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son, Michael Stephen Smith of North Olmsted, Ohio; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Carl Copen of Goshen and Sue Boothe and her companion, Andy Calvanese, of Charleston, W.Va.; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Wilbur S. "Willie" Smith Jr.; two brothers, June Griffith and Brad Griffith; and two sisters, Mildred Null and Marie Crouch.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Chambers Funeral Home in North Olmsted. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery in Cleveland.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Donald Winquist

SHIPSHEWANA — Donald Winquist, 43, of Shipshewana died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Winquist lived most of his life in the Shipshewana area and was a mechanic at Syndicate Corp. in Middlebury.

He was born Feb. 25, 1961, in Plymouth to Vernon and Edna (Boyer) Winquist. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Winquist of Middlebury; a son, Michael Winquist of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Deb and Al Miller of Shipshewana; and a brother and sister-in-law, Vernon and Sandy Winquist of Shipshewana.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. John Sherk officiating. Burial will be in Keightly Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Foundation.

Bernard Chapman

JACKSON, Mich. — Bernard W. "Barney" Chapman, 72, of Jackson and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Foote Hospital.

Mr. Chapman was special projects manager at Air Master Fan and had been its manager of purchasing and maintenance.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Jackson Dance Club and the Hits and Misses Couples Golf League.

Mr. Chapman was born Feb. 5, 1932, in Kendallville to Bernard and Beulah (Sexton) Chapman. His mother survives in Wawaka, Ind.

Surviving are his wife of 11 years, Josie; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Deb Chapman and Steve and Kathy Chapman, all of Kendallville; four stepchildren and their spouses, Bill and Tonya Wilson, Joan and Steve Hugenell, ReNae and Jeff Anderson, and Ruth and Darian O'Dell; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Ross Jett of Wawaka; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church, 743 W. Michigan Ave., Jackson, with the Rev. James Hegedus officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Chas. J. Burden & Son Funeral Home in Jackson.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the Diabetes Foundation or the First Presbyterian Church.

John Porter II

JEFFERSONVILLE — John D. Porter II, 73, of Jeffersonville and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, in Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville.

He had retired as a driver for Southeastern Trailways where he had received a 1 million mile safety award.

Mr. Johnson had served in the U.S. Army in Korea.

He enjoyed traveling in his RV.

Mr. Johnson was born June 19, 1930, in Tocsin to Ralph H. and Lana (McBride) Porter. On June 21, 1971, in Fort Wayne, he married Olivia J. Grigsby. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, John D. Porter III and his wife, Brinda, of Campbellsburg, Ky., Daniel Porter of Edgerton, Ohio, and James A. Porter of Churubusco; two sisters, Alice Ramsey of Riverton, Wyo., and Mary J. Buchan of Warsaw; seven grandchildren; three nieces; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Joanna, and a son, Michael D. Porter.

Graveside services will be at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Joshua Inman

KENDALLVILLE — Joshua Nathan Inman, 19, died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He had attended East Noble High School.

He was born Jan. 26, 1985, in Portland, Ind., to Jeff Inman and Roxanne (Ashley) Payne. His father survives in Kendallville and his mother and stepfather, Eddie Payne, survive in Kendallville.

Joshua Inman

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Corbett and Margaret Ashley of Kendallville; his paternal grandmother, Sue Mozena of Kendallville; his paternal grandfather, Gary Inman of Kendallville; his paternal stepgrandfather, Don Mozena of Louisville, Ky.; a brother, Jason Inman of Auburn; three sisters, Amanda Inman, Ashley Inman and Andrea Inman, all of Kendallville; four uncles, Dan Ashley of Portland, Andy Ashley of Portland, Chris Inman of Kentucky and Corey Inman-Mozena of Kendallville; an aunt, Traci Robertson of Kendallville; and two nieces.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 adn 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA

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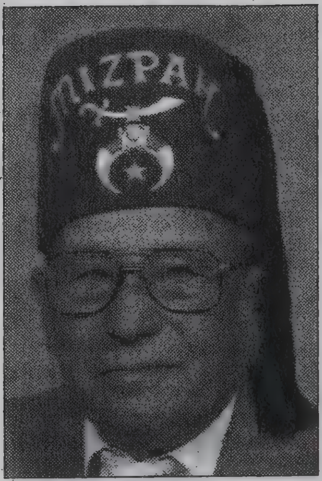


Malcolm Baker

WAWAKA – Malcolm Earl Baker, age 81, of Wawaka, died Monday, May 3, 2004, in his residence.

He was born January 30, 1923, in Garrett, to Frank M. and Elsie (Jones) Baker.

He married Elizabeth "Betty" June Randall Baker on June 26, 1947, in Cromwell. She preceded him in death on July 30, 1996.

He was co-owner, before his retirement, of 3B Welding.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy.

He was a member of the Sparta United Church of Christ, Ligonier American Legion Post #243, Order of Eastern Star Chapter #325, Cromwell Masonic Lodge #705 F & AM, Ft. Wayne Shrine Club, Ft. Wayne Scottish Rite, Antique Power of the Shrine, Past Noble County Shrine Club Treasurer (10 years), Noble County Antique Tractor Club, Noble County Antique Pullers Club, Keystone, Cops, and Past Sparta Cemetery Trustee.

He is survived by his companion, Donna Jean Burns of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Stanley Hochstetler of Columbia City, Marsha and Roger Hainey of Troutwood, OH; two sons and daughters-in-law, Blaine and Kim Baker of Ligonier, Bill and Bonnie Baker of Cromwell; one sister, Phyllis Denham of Bothel, WA; nine grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild; one niece and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Betty June Baker, and one sister, Helen Baker.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2004, in Sparta United Church of Christ, with the Revs. Lynn Bartling and Richard Renser officiating. Burial will follow in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling hours will be 2 until 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2004, in Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier, with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m.; and also one hour before services at the church on Thursday, May 6.

Memorial contributions can be made to Shriner's Children's Hospital or Sparta United Church of Christ.

Raymond Jones

KIMMELL – Raymond Jones, 69, of Kimmell died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jones moved to the Kimmell area 30 years ago from Wawaka. He retired in 1997 from Curto Foundry.

He enjoyed hunting and gardening.

Mr. Jones was born October 5, 1934, in Filbert, WV to Jess and Carrie (Lewis) Jones. On April 25, 1969, in Brimfield, he married Yvonne Wallen. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jalinda Jones of Cromwell; three stepsons, Larry Hicks and his wife, Melissa, of Kimmell, Gary Hicks of Avilla, and Harold Douglas Hicks of Montana; a sister, Stella Quesenberry of Caretta, WV; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Enola Gay Jones; a brother, Lawrence Jones; and a sister, Ruby Huff.

Services were held Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sam Sawyer and the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA

MAY 5 2004 Albion, Indiana

William Uptgraft

MERRIAM – William A. Uptgraft, 76, of Merriam died Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had suffered a heart attack Christmas Day and had been hospitalized since then.

Mr. Uptgraft had been employed at Essex Magnet Wire in Fort Wayne for 42 years and had spent more than 27 years as a semi driver. He retired in 1989.

He was educated at Elmhurst High School before being inducted into the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Uptgraft was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and Albion American Legion Post 246. He enjoyed airplanes and was an avid fisherman.

He was born October 6, 1927, in Waynedale the son of Milo R. and Ruth Naomi (Zimmerman) Uptgraft. On October 9, 1948, in Waynedale he married Leona M. Geiger. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Shirley and William Von Drau of Fort Wayne, Mary and Charles Herman of Cranston, R.I., and Martha and Joseph Hubbard of Churubusco; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Douglas and Laurie Uptgraft of Olympia, WA, Russell and Peggy Uptgraft of Churubusco, Thomas and Nancy Uptgraft of North Pole, Alaska, and Mark Uptgraft of Goshen; a daughter-in-law, Ann Uptgraft of Edgar Springs, MO; a sister and brother-in-law, Alice and David Huffman of Churubusco; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert and Gloria Uptgraft and Richard Uptgraft, all of Fort Wayne; 21 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Earl Uptgraft, on December 10, 2000; a grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

Services were held Monday, May 3, 2004, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church with Father Danney Pinto officiating. Burial was in Covington Memorial Garden with military graveside rites.

Memorials are Masses or to the American Heart Association.

Joan Kammerer

AVILLA — Joan R. Kammerer, 79, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at 12:55 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Kammerer had lived in Avilla for 11 years and was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Garrett Elks Auxiliary.

Kammerer

She worked as a payroll clerk at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1984.

She was born July 24, 1924, in Garrett, to Victor Carper and Olga Faye Miller. They preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth N. Kammerer on June 10, 1945, in Garrett. He died Nov. 29, 1978.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Sandy Kammerer of Virginia Beach, Va.; two granddaughters, Brenda Burcham of Garrett and Kimberly Simon of Butler; three great-grandchildren, Tiffany Simon and Calub Simon of Butler and Courtney Burcham of Garrett; and three brothers, Jerry Carper and Don Carper, both of Garrett, and Jim Carper of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Carper.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Pastor Tom Herendeen

ROSELAWN — Pastor Tom L. Herendeen, 64, of Roselawn died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at St. Anthony Medical Center.

Pastor Herendeen had served at Jubilee Gospel Center in Roselawn since 1992.

He was a 1957 graduate of Garrett High School and a 1971 graduate of Valley Forge Bible College in Pennsylvania.

He was born June 23, 1939, in Swan to Lawrence and Mary Anna (Englert) Herendeen. On July 14, 1957, in Kendallville, he married Joanne Warrick. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Larry Herendeen of Peru; two daughters and a son-in-law, Carrie and John Frye of Medaryville and Whitney Herendeen of Roselawn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Warren and Dorothy Herendeen of Avon, Fla., Gale and Linda Herendeen of Warsaw, David and Carolyn Herendeen of Rome City, and Pastor Steve and Marge Herendeen of Rome City; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Deanne and Rondal Prater of Wawaka and Lori and Rick Williams of Rome City; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Barry Herendeen in 1987; and a great-granddaughter, Breanna Timmons in 2003.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Jubilee Gospel Center in Roselawn with Pastor Steve Herendeen officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

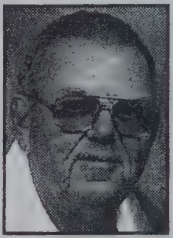
Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at the gospel center.

Memorials are to the family.

Ike Heign

MIDDLEBURY — Ike L. Heign, 72, of Middlebury died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at the scene of a traffic accident near Middlebury.

Mr. Heign had lived in Middlebury since 1960 and had worked the last 24 years at Backyard Pools in Elkhart. He had also worked several years for Wolfe Grains in Shipshewana.


Mr. Heign

He was a member of Middlebury Church of the Brethren. He was an avid camper and a member of the Moto-Guzzi Motorcycle Association.

Mr. Heign was born Sept. 16, 1931, in LaGrange County to Robert and Lucile (Garletts) Heign. On March 8, 1952, in Middlebury, he married Mary Lou Ulrich. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Jeannette Heign of Ennis, Texas, Jeffrey and Becky Heign of Union, Mich., and Randy and Cathy Heign and Bob and Trudi Heign, all of Middlebury; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara Fanning of Shipshewana and Sandy and John Stouffer of Granger; a brother and sister-in-law, Norman and Linda Heign of Howe; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren with Pastor Dan Petry officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Church in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the church and one hour prior to services Sunday.

Memorials are to Middlebury Church of the Brethren.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Samuel Baker

SHIPSHEWANA — Samuel G. Baker of Shipshewana died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at his home.

Services are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury.

Elbert Fair

AVILLA — Elbert "Sibo" Fair, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

ADVANCED LEADER

MAY 6 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

David Miller

CROMWELL — David Joseph Miller, 50, of Cromwell died Friday, April, 30, 2004, at 9:10 p.m. in his home.

Mr. Miller

Mr. Miller was a lifetime resident of rural Cromwell. He was a delivery driver for UPS for 17 years. He was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church, where he had served as an elder.

He enjoyed reading, fishing, and spending time with his children. He also loved to study the Bible.

He was born July 15, 1953, in Wolf Lake to Joseph and Gilva (Fausnaugh) Miller. His father survives in Kimmell. His mother preceded him in death.

On Oct. 20, 1984, in Stone's Hill Community Church, he married Kenda Miller. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a son, Min Miller, at home; three daughters, Laura, Janelle and Maria Miller, all at home; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Billie Brown of Ligonier and Becky and Kim Hausbauch of Goshen.

Services weree Tuesday at Stone's Hill Community Church with the Rev. Mitch Moser officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home of Ligonier was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Stone's Hill Community Church or Goshen Home Health and Hospice Care.

Mary Geiger

CROMWELL — Mary R. Geiger, 96, of Cromwell died at 6:25 a.m. Wednesday, April 28, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor of Syracuse where she had been a resident since December 2003.

Mrs. Geiger

Mrs. Geiger was a lifetime rural Noble County resident. She was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Geiger was a homemaker and helped on the family farm. She enjoyed doing yard work, cooking and embroidering.

Mrs. Geiger was born Sept. 14, 1907, in Noble County to Edward and Stella (Pritchard) Birch. In 1928 in Merriam, she married Adrian M. Geiger. He died in 1968.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, JD and Bonita Geiger of North Webster, Charles and Pat Geiger of Cromwell and Hugh and Kay Geiger of Columbia City; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services were Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Raymond Jones

KIMMELL — Raymond Jones, 69, of Kimmell died at 10:58 a.m. Monday, May 3, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jones moved to the Kimmell area 30 years ago from Wawaka. He retired in 1997 from Curto Foundry.

He enjoyed hunting and gardening.

Mr. Jones was born Oct. 5, 1934, in Filbert, W.Va. to Jess and Carrie (Lewis) Jones. On April 25, 1969, in Brimfield, he married Yvonne Wallen. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Jalinda Jones of Cromwell; three stepsons, Larry Hicks and his wife, Melissa, of Kimmell, Gary Hicks of Avilla, and Harold Douglas Hicks of Montana; a sister, Stella Quesenberry of Caretta, W.Va.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Enola Gay Jones; a brother, Lawrence Jones; and a sister, Ruby Huff.

Services were this morning at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Sam Sawyer and the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial was at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the family.

ADVANCED LEADER

MAY 6 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Malcolm Baker

WAWAKA — Malcolm Earl Baker, 81, of Wawaka died at 2:30 p.m. Monday at his home.

Mr. Baker was co-owner of 3B Welding before his retirement.

He was a veteran of the United States Navy. He was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ, Ligonier American Legion Post 243, Order of Eastern Star No. 325, Cromwell Masonic Lodge No. 705 F&AM, Fort Wayne Shrine Club, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Antique Power of the Shrine, and served as treasurer for 10 years of the Noble County Shrine Club.

Mr. Baker also was a member of the Noble County Antique Tractor Club, Noble County Antique Pullers Club, Keystone Cops and a former Sparta Cemetery trustee.

Mr. Baker

He was born Jan. 30, 1923, in Garrett to Frank M. and Elsie (Jones) Baker. On June 26, 1947, in Cromwell, he married Elizabeth June "Betty" Randall. She died July 30, 1996.

Surviving are his companion, Donna Jean Burns of Wawaka; two daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and Stanley Hochstetler of Columbia City and Marsha and Roger Hainey of Troutwood, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Blaine and Kim Baker of Ligonier and Bill and Bonnie Baker of Cromwell; a sister, Phyllis Denham of Bothel, Wash.; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and a niece and a nephew.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Baker.

Services were this morning at Sparta United Church of Christ with the Rev. Linn Bartling and the Rev. Richard Renser officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Shriner's Children's Hospital or Sparta United Church of Christ.

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Elbert Fair

AVILLA — Elbert "Sibo" Fair, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fair was born March 13, 1927, in Perry County, Latta Creek, Ky., the son of Bud and Ruth (Lawson) Fair. On Dec. 6, 1997, in Altona he married Charlene K. Stahl. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Elbert Fair Jr. of Fort Wayne, Johnny Fair of Ligonier, Tommy Fair of Topeka, and Eddie Fair of Isom, Ky.; a daughter, Betty Loveless of Lavurn, Ky., three stepdaughters, Brenda Kraft of Auburn, Lori Bolen of Kendallville and Wanda Facklam of Ashley; two stepsons, Lloyd Leiner of Fort Wayne and Joseph Kennedy of Auburn; two sisters, May Ellen Platt of Georgetown, Ky., and Ellie Combs of Kentucky; a brother, Jessie Fair of Kentucky; 10 grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Brushey Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Samuel Baker

SHIPSHEWANA — Samuel G. Baker, 73, of Shipshewana died at 11:27 a.m. Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at his home.

Before his retirement, Mr. Baker had worked at various jobs in the mobile home industry.

He was a member of Shipshewana United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Baker was born Oct. 19, 1930, in Bloomington the son of Samuel S. and Florence M. (Dalman) Baker. On June 18, 1954, at the Poplar Grove Methodist Church in Culver he married Florence "Flo" Cowen. She died Aug. 25, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Angela and John D. Miller of Millersburg; a son and daughter-in-law, Ned and Jeanne Baker of Fenton, Mich.; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Also preceding him in death were three sisters, Agnes Brower, Georgie Hostetler and Mary Neu.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewert Funeral Home with the Rev. Scott Carmer of Shipshewana United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Eva Ravenscroft

KENDALLVILLE — Eva P. Ravenscroft, 103, of Kendallville died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Robert D. Johnson** were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Military graveside rites were provided by American Legion Post 86 and V.F.W. Post 2749.

Eva Ravenscroft

ALBION — Eva R. Ravenscroft, 103, died at 11:55 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

She was a lifetime area resident, a homemaker and took in laundry and ironing.

Mrs. Ravenscroft attended Albion Wesleyan Church and enjoyed the outdoors, flowers, crocheting and vacationing.

Born on Feb. 8, 1901, in Albion, she was the daughter of Perry W. and Orilla (Nicodemus) Coe. She married Carl Ravenscroft on Sept. 21, 1921, in Centerville, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, June M. Jacob of Albion; three grandchildren, two with their spouses, Carol Huff, Phil and Cindy Jacob and Diane and Dennis King, all of Albion; seven great-grandchildren, Danielle Zumbrun, Nichelle Pulver, Chad, Brad and Shawn Jacob, and Brandon and Corey King; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Harold Coe of Kendallville; a sister, Bonnie Marshall; a brother, Orval Ravenscroft; and a stepbrother, Leo Hawk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with Pastor David Earlwine officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The following obituary is being repeated to correct errors.

John Porter

JEFFERSONVILLE — John D. Porter II, 73, of Jeffersonville and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, May 4, 2004, in Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville.

He had retired as a driver for Southeastern Trailways where he had received a 1 million mile safety award.

Mr. Porter had served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War.

He enjoyed traveling in his RV.

Mr. Porter was born June 19, 1930, in Tocsin to Ralph H. and Lana (McBride) Porter. On June 21, 1971, in Fort Wayne, he married Olivia J. Grigsby. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, John D. Porter III and his wife, Brinda, of Campbellsburg, Ky., Daniel Porter of Edgerton, Ohio, and James A. Porter of Churubusco; two sisters, Alice Ramsey of Riverton, Wyo., and Mary J. Buchan of Warsaw; seven grandchildren; three nieces; and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Joanna, and a son, Michael D. Porter.

Graveside services are at 11:30 a.m. today at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling was from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Stanley Myers

LIGONIER — Stanley Russell Myers, 58, of rural Ligonier, died at 11:24 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2004, at his residence.

He was born on March 5, 1946, in Goshen to C. Russell and Elizabeth (Miller) Myers.

He was a graduate of New Paris High School and Wisconsin State University, River Falls, Wis. He was the owner-operator of Myers Auto Salvage, Ligonier.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Michelle Myers of Milford and Nathan and Angie Myers of Wolf Lake; his parents; his companion, Teri Hall; a sister and brother-in-law, Sueann and Dan Thomas of Columbus; a brother, Stephen Myers of Paw Paw, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Private family services will be held at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

Calling will be from 1 to 5 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Care at Home or the hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Joshua Inman** were held at 2 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jason Inman, Corey Mozena, Dustin Collins, Adam Engleman, Jarod Troupe, Mark Bitzel and Brent Sage.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

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Lester Shelton was 'loving, calm'

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

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ANGOLA — For most of his life, Scott Shelton's grandfather, Lester Shelton, represented strength to him.

But a battle with Alzheimer's disease that began several years ago robbed Lester Shelton of much, and Scott said watching it happen was disheartening.

"The past few years were pretty hard," Scott said quietly. "It's sad to see your grandfather go out like that."

Lester Lee Shelton, 81, died at Friday, April 23, 2004, at Northern Lakes Rehabilitation Center. He had been living there for about 2 1/2 years, Scott said.

Mr. Shelton's son, Kenneth, said describing his father, who was with the Angola Volunteer Fire Department for 26 years, with a few words would be a difficult, if not impossible, task.

Mr. Shelton

"I could go on for hours about what a great guy he was," Kenneth said. "I would have to talk about his tremendous work ethic, and about how he was just a very, very loving person."

Mr. Shelton had worked as a maintenance supervisor from the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County for 31 years, and Scott said his grandfather's vocation gave him many opportunities to see him.

"He was always at the school working, and he worked where I went to school," Scott said. "I also remember going over there when I was sick. That's where you spent the days you didn't feel good ... at Grandma and Grandpa's."

Scott said his grandfather was "a real calm guy." He said one of the things he remembers most about Lester was his tremendous devotion to Scott's grandmother, Lois.

"They were married 52 years," Scott said with a smile. "You just don't see that anymore. You're lucky to see people make it a year."

When Lois died in March of 1998, Scott said, it was the beginning of the end.

"Once she passed, that was kind of it," Scott said.

Frances Miller

TAMPA, FLA. — Frances Miller, 84, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died May 4, 2004, in Tampa, Fla.

Born on Sept. 13, 1919, in Kendallville, he was the son of Dale and Fern Strater.

He had lived in Tampa for 52 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherrill Zoller, Asheville, N.C., and Jan Behney, Arlington, Texas; two sons, Stuart Miller, Tampa, Fla., and Scott Miller, Roswell, Ga.; two sisters, Betty Strouse and Phyllis Sprandel, both of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Kay Ligman; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

No formal services were held.

Memorials are to the United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay, 2215 E. Henry Ave., Tampa FL 33610.

Esther Souder

AUBURN — Services are pending at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo for Esther L. Souder.

Souder, 85, died at her home in Auburn, Saturday, May 8, 2004.

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THE FOLLOWING *obituary is being republished to correct errors.*

Eva Ravenscroft

ALBION — Eva R. Ravenscroft, 103, died at 11:55 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home, Kendallville.

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Mrs. Ravenscroft attended Albion Wesleyan Church and enjoyed the outdoors, flowers, crocheting and vacationing.

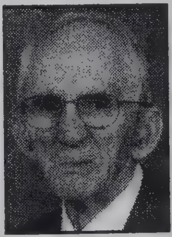
Born on Feb. 8, 1901, in Albion, she was the daughter of Perry W. and Orilla (Nicodemus) Coe. She married Carl Ravenscroft on Sept. 21, 1921, in Centerville, Mich. He preceded her in death in 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, June M. Jacob of Albion; a brother, Harold Coe of Kendallville; three grandchildren, two with their spouses, Carol Huff, Phil and Cindy Jacob and Diane and Dennis King, all of Albion; seven great-grandchildren, Danielle Zumbrun, Nichelle Pulver, Chad, Brad and Shawn Jacob, and Brandon and Corey King; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Robert Ravenscroft; a daughter, Bonnie Jean Kline; a sister, Bonnie Marshall; a brother, Orval Ravenscroft; and a stepbrother, Leo Hawk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with Pastor David Earlwine officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

John Miller


Mr. Miller

MIDDLEBURY — John J. Miller, 91, of Middlebury, died at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Greencroft Nursing Center, Goshen, where he had lived for almost four years.

Mr. Miller worked for 25 years for Logan Monument in Goshen, later driving a truck for Jaxson Cleaners.

He volunteered at the Thrift Shop in Goshen, where he was a member of Griner Mennonite Church. He had moved to Middlebury in 1960 from Arthur, Ill.

Mr. Miller married his wife, Katie L. Miller in Arthur, Ill., on March 24, 1938. She preceded him in death on Feb. 22, 1998.

He was born to Jake and Anna (Miller) Miller on May 22, 1913, in Anderson County, Kan. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are four daughters and their spouses, Arlene and Vernon Cross of Goshen, Joanna and Jay Wilson, Judy and Carl Shrock, Lois and Karl Schrock and Pauline and Lynn Miller, all of Middlebury; three sons and their spouses, John O. and Sheryle Miller of Bristol, Ervin and Bertha Miller and David and Charlotte Miller, all of Middlebury; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Elizabeth Otto, Sovilla and Joel Schrock and Edna and Jake Miller, all of Arthur, Ill.; two brothers and their spouses, Bill and Edna Miller of Arthur, Ill., and Fred and Gladys Miller of Kalona, Iowa; 15 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one stepgranddaughter and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife and parents, Mr. Miller was preceded in death by a sister, Esther Schrock and a brother, Ervin Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Griner Mennonite Church in Middlebury with the Revs. Harley Troyer, Robert Rigsecker and John Yoder presiding. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be 2-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Clinton Christian School or Griner Mennonite Church.

Helen Easterday

LAGRANGE — Helen Ruth Easterday, 73, of LaGrange died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at her son's home in Lebanon, Ind.

Mrs. Easterday had lived most of her life in LaGrange. She had been a laboratory technician at LaGrange County Hospital and Sturgis Hospital. She had also worked in the office of Dr. Dean L. Mattox.

She was a member of Sylvan Chapter No. 251 Order of the Eastern Star and the Red Hat Society.

She was born Feb. 5, 1931, to Dr. John and Georgia (Waterman) Brineman. On July 2, 1950, in LaGrange, she married Lyle K. Easterday. He died June 29, 1997.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Lyle and Vanessa Easterday II of Lebanon and Mark and Norma Easterday of Shipshewana; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Junior Farber of LaGrange; a brother and sister-in-law, Clem and Joy Brineman of Springfield, Va.; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Don and James Brineman.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dexter Garman officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Harold Hartman

FORT WAYNE — Harold E. Hartman, 94, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Heritage Park in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hartman retired in 1973 as an accountant for General Electric Corp. In the early 1960s he had owned Hartman's Freezer Fresh Drive In.

He was an elder at Trinity Lutheran Church and a member of the Lutheran Laymen's League.

Mr. Hartman was an avid sports enthusiast and a member of the Senior Golf Association and the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Association.

He was born Nov. 5, 1909, in Kendallville.

Surviving are his wife of 64 years, Norma; two sons, Robert W. Hartman of Roanoke and Donald L. Hartman of Dayton, Ohio; a daughter, Louann Savolt of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Mary's Ave. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., and one hour prior to services at the church Wednesday.

Memorials are to Trinity Lutheran Church.

Esther Souder

AUBURN — Esther L. Souder, 85, of Auburn died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Souer was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn and the Ladies of the Moose.

She was born Oct. 16, 1918, in Garrett to Benjamin and Ursula (Mountz) Drerup.

She married Gerry R. Souder Jr. on Jan. 27, 1937, in Auburn, He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John D. and Shirley Souder of Auburn, Thomas E. and Dianne Souder of Auburn, and Robert L. and Loretta Souder of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita Marie and Alfred LaPage of Plymouth; a sister-in-law, Margaret Drerup of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Esther Souder, who died in infancy; and two brothers, Bernard and Paul Drerup.

Services will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

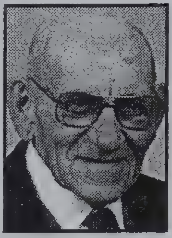
Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, where a rosary service will begin at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.neet.

Henry Karst

KENDALLVILLE — Henry E. Karst, 93, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Karst

Mr. Karst retired in 1974 from Kraft Foods where he was a quality control supervisor for 40 years. He was also a part-time farmer.

He was a 1928 graduate of St. Peter and Paul High School in Huntington. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and had served as an usher, as well as doing readings and serving for many years as an alter boy. He was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7839.

Mr. Karst enjoyed playing cards and doing puzzles.

He was born Nov. 14, 1910, in Huntington County to Edward and Anna (Scher) Karst. He first married Berniadette Miller in 1939. She died in 1972. He then married Elvena Miller on May 12, 1973. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., Dennis and Julie Karst of Ossian, and Jerry and Patsy Karst of Kendallville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Mary and Dennis Delucenay of Indianapolis; two stepsons and their wives, Kenneth and Pat Kleinrichert of Traverse City, Mich., and Michael and Mary Shoudel of Garrett; a brother, Raymond Karst of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eileen Swoverland and Annette Morrow, both of Huntington, and Helen Ludwig of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Karst and Norbert Karst; a sister, Delores Stoffel; a grandson, Matthew Karst; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Carla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Tia Napier

WILLARD, Ohio — Tia Marie Napier, 13, of Willard, Ohio, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Willard was born July 3, 1990, in Kendallville. She had lived most of her life in Norwalk, Ohio, and Willard. She was a student at Willard Middle School.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Lisa and Raymond Hanson of Willard; her father, Forest Napier I of Hudson; a brother, Forest Rodney Napier II; six sisters, Bonnie Napier, Kellie Napier and Brittany Claus, all of Willard; Sherrie Napier of Wolcottville, Mindy Hanson of Plymouth, Ohio, and Stephanie Hanson of Mansfield, Ohio; maternal grandparents, Ina and David Wireman of Norwalk; paternal grandparents Lincoln and Fairlena Napier of Hudson; and a maternal great-grandfather, Glennville Dale Burnem of Hortence, Ga.

She was preceded in death by an aunt, Dawn Marie Wireman, in 1991.

Services will be at 10 a.m. ndiana time Wednesday at Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich, Ohio, with the Rev. Clarence Combs of Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven.

Marillyn Roberts

ANGOLA — Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont for Marillyn A. Roberts, 77, of Angola, who died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Ms. Roberts was born April 4, 1927, in Milwaukee, Wis.

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Joellen McGee

FORT WAYNE — Joellen Egolf McGee, 60, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco died at 12:10 a.m. Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. She had been ill for the past two months.

Mrs. McGee lived most of her life in Fort Wayne and was employed at Central Soya in Fort Wayne for 14 years. She also worked as the engineering program administrator at ITT in Fort Wayne for 19 years.

She graduated in 1962 from Churubusco High School. She was an avid fan of Indiana University basketball and former IU coach Bobby Knight. She enjoyed doing crafts, sewing, her Bunko Club friends, and spending time with her grandsons.

Mrs. McGee was born April 11, 1944, in Wolf Lake to Nile W. and Emma Louis (Clouse) Egolf.

Mrs. McGee

Surviving are a daughter, Kelly McGee of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Steven Parker of Simpsonville, S.C., and two grandsons, Shawn Weaver and Casey Weaver, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jerry Egolf, on April 17, 1997.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults or to her grandsons' scholarship fund in care of Three Rivers Federal Credit Union.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

KENDALLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Riley Street crash

Henry Karst, of Kendallville was hospitalized and later died Saturday after he drove his Chevrolet Blazer into a tree north of Harding Street at about 12:21 p.m. He suffered incapacitating internal and chest injuries, according to police. Karst was taken to Parkview Noble Hospital where he died Saturday night of massive blunt force trauma, according to Noble County Coroner John Brazzell.

Doris Marshall

AUBURN — Doris M. Betz Marshall, 80, of Auburn died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was president of Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, which she owned and operated for the past 50 years.

She was a member of Women of the Moose and the American Legion Auxiliary, both in Auburn.

She was born Jan. 20, 1924, in Camden, Mich., to Freeman T. and Ival May (Bowman) Britten.

She married Everett Betz in November 1942. He died in April 1975.

She then married Claude Marshall on April 14, 1979. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald Betz of Auburn; five stepsons, Roger Marshall of Warsaw, Claude Marshall Jr., Albert Marshall and Elbert Marshall, all of Bluffton, and David Marshall of Kennesaw, Ga.; three daughters, Sue Gamble, Luanne Gerig and LeAnn Barnes, all of Auburn; three stepdaughters, Precilla Johnson of Phoenix, Claudette Bolin of Bluffton and Ruthie Robinson of Winchester, Ky.; two brothers, Norman K. Britten of Ney, Ohio, and Theo L. Britten of Hamilton; four sisters, Dorothy Chapin of Osseo, Mich., Shelby Daniels of Waterloo, Deanna Beam of Tekonsha, Mich., and Sandy Humbarger of Montpelier, Ohio; nine grandchildren, 20 stepgrandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother and two sisters.

Private family services will be Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery of Hamilton.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the activity department at Betz Nursing Home.

Condolences are to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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Frances Miller

TAMPA, Fla. — Frances Miller, 84, of Tampa, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died May 4, 2004, in Tampa, Fla.

Born on Sept. 13, 1919, in Kendallville, she was the daughter of Dale and Fern Strater.

She had lived in Tampa for 52 years.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherrill Zoller of Asheville, N.C., and Jan Behney of Arlington, Texas; two sons, Stuart Miller of Tampa, Fla., and Scott Miller of Roswell, Ga.; two sisters, Betty Strouse and Phyllis Sprandel, both of Kendallville; a sister-in-law, Kay Ligman of Kendallville; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

No formal services were held.

Memorials are to the United Cerebral Palsy of Tampa Bay, 2215 E. Henry Ave., Tampa, FL 33610.

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Tia Napier

WILLARD, Ohio — Tia Marie Napier, 13, of Willard, Ohio, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

Miss Napier was born July 3, 1990, in Kendallville. She had lived most of her life in Norwalk, Ohio and Willard. She was a student at Willard Middle School.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Lisa and Raymond Hanson of Willard; her father, Forest Napier I of Hudson; a brother, Forest Rodney Napier II; six sisters, Bonnie Napier, Kellie Napier and Brittany Claus, all of Willard; Sherrie Napier of Wolcottville, Mindy Hanson of Plymouth, Ohio and Stephanie Hanson of Mansfield, Ohio; maternal grandparents, Ina and David Wireman of Norwalk; paternal grandparents Lincoln and Fairlena Napier of Hudson; and a maternal great-grandfather, Glennville Dale Burnem of Hortence, Ga.

She was preceded in death by an aunt, Dawn Marie Wireman, in 1991.

Services will be at 10 a.m. (EST) Wednesday at Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich, Ohio, with the Rev. Clarence Combs of Five Corners Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating. Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven.

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Marilyn Roberts

FREMONT — Marillyn A. Roberts, 77, of Fremont, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Roberts was born April 4, 1927, in Milwaukee, Wis., to James and Juanita (Shaw) Coates. She was married to Mac A. Roberts on Oct. 9, 1950, and he preceded her in death on May 26, 1984.

She was the former manager of the Angola Truck Stop, and also was the former secretary of the Jamestown Cemetery in Fremont.

She was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church and the Little River Chapter of the Sweet Adelines.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Marcia and Larry Pike of Woodstock, Ga. and Evelyn Roberts of Angola; three grandchildren, Justin Roberts of Fremont and Danny A. Pallone II and Heather Pallone, both of Fort Wayne; four great-grandchildren, two sisters and a brother.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Lois Pallone, and a granddaughter, Brenda A. Roberts.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse officiating. Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 227 E. Washington Blvd., Suite 301, Fort Wayne, IN 46897.

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Esther Souder

AUBURN — Esther L. Souder, 85, of Auburn died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Souder was a homemaker and a member of Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn and the Ladies of the Moose.

She was born Oct. 16, 1918, in Garrett to Benjamin and Ursula (Mountz) Drerup.

She married Gerry R. Souder Jr. on Jan. 27, 1937, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John D. and Shirley Souder of Auburn, Thomas E. and Dianne Souder of Auburn, and Robert L. and Loretta Souder of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita Marie and Alfred LaPage of Plymouth; a sister-in-law, Margaret Drerup of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Esther Souder, who died in infancy; and two brothers, Bernard and Paul Drerup.

Services will be Wednesday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home, where a rosary service will begin at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.neet.

Gearldine Montgomery

ST. JOE — Gearldine (Maloney) Montgomery, 66, of St. Joe died quietly at her home on Friday, May 7, 2004, after a long illness.

Mrs. Montgomery was a God-fearing and devoted wife and mother.

She was born Oct. 20, 1937, in Hazard, Ky., to Ida Mae and Arlie Maloney. They preceded her in death.

She married Ollie Montgomery in 1951. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, James and Judy Montgomery of Crestline, Ohio, Chester and Sandra Montgomery of Garrett and Virgil Montgomery; three daughters and sons-in-law, Rose and Keith Lively of Shelby, Ohio, Ruthann and Todd McCandlish of St. Joe and Christina and Clyde Jefferson of Gary; 25 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; five sisters; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Ray Montgomery, a sister, two brothers and two grandchildren.

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Rose Cunningham

LIGONIER — Rose V. Cunningham, 92, of Ligonier died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Avalon Village Healthcare Center in Ligonier.

Mrs. Cunningham

A lifetime area resident, Mrs. Cunningham was an accomplished artist and florist. She had worked for a number of years at her family's business, Schrock's Greenhouse and Floral Shop in Ligonier.

She also had been a correspondent for The News-Sun, South Bend Tribune and Goshen News, as well as a homemaker.

Mrs. Cunningham was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. She had served as Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of the Perry Township Home Economics Club and the Noble County Art Association.

She was born Feb. 16, 1912, in Cory, Pa., to Otto and Bethel (Tallerday) Schrock. She graduated in 1929 from Ligonier High School. On Oct. 25, 1936, in Churubusco, she married Fred R. Cunningham. He died March 22, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kent and Lori Cunningham of Ligonier and Kyle Cunningham of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Stan Mithoefer of Lafayette; a brother, Walter Schrock of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church with an Eastern Star service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church or the Noble County Art Association.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to this newspaper.*

Henry Karst

KENDALLVILLE — Henry E. Karst, 93, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Karst

Mr. Karst retired in 1974 from Kraft Foods where he was a quality control supervisor for 40 years. He was also a part-time farmer.

He was a 1928 graduate of St. Peter and Paul High School in Huntington. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and had served as an usher, as well as doing readings and serving for many years as an alter boy. He was a third degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 7839.

Mr. Karst enjoyed playing cards and doing puzzles.

He was born Nov. 14, 1910, in Huntington County to Edward and Anna (Scher) Karst. He first married Bernadette Miller in 1939. She died in 1972. He then married Elvena Miller Shoudel on May 12, 1973. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Sue Karst of Princeton, Ky., Dennis and Julie Karst of Ossian, and Jerry and Patsy Karst of Kendallville; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Mary and Dennis Delucenay of Indianapolis and Pat and Kenneth Kleinrichert of Traverse City, Mich.; a stepson and his wife, Michael and Mary Shoudel of Garrett; a brother, Raymond Karst of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Eileen Swoverland and Annette Morrow, both of Huntington, and Helen Ludwig of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and 14 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Karst and Norbert Karst; a sister, Delores Stoffel; a grandson, Matthew Karst; and a stepgreat-granddaughter, Carla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling was Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Building Fund or to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lucille Farnham

EDGERTON, Ohio — Lucille M. Farnham, 84, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where she was a resident. She had been in failing health for two months.

Mrs. Farnham was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Monclova, Ohio, to Howard P. and Eva (Comstock) Hinkle. She married Ronald M. Farnham on Dec. 24, 1941, in Swanton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Oct. 29, 1996.

She was a homemaker and a member of Edgerton United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women, a former member of Evening Star Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star, the Priscella Club, and the Edgerton Garden Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and LeeAnn Farnham of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Denise Farnham of Edgerton; a brother, Lyle Hinkle of Mansfield, Ohio; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Farnham, a brother, Robert Hinkle, and a sister, Betty Hinkle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Saturday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, with Pastor Ned Adams officiating. Calling will be Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Farnham Cemetery near Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Edgerton United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to Farnhamfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Robert Whysong

ASHLEY — Robert L. "Bud" Whysong, 88, of Ashley died Monday, May 10, 2004, at 11:08 p.m. at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Whysong was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614 for more than 60 years. He also was a member of Pleasant Lake Order of the Eastern Star and the Pleasant Lake Fire Department.

He was born Dec. 4, 1915, in Pleasant Lake to Fred and Dora (Sink) Whysong.

He married Evelyn "Rusty" Light on Aug. 21, 1933. She died June 28, 1988.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Paul Chavez of Auburn, Janet and Don Casselman of Coldwater, Mich., and Carol and Mike Healey of LaGrange; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn and Evy Hovarter of Apopka, Fla., and Ethel Whipple of Fruitland Park, Fla.; his grandchildren and their spouses, Terry and Patch Hines, Christine and George Brand, Shelly and Jeff McComb, Suzanne Chavez, Dawn Casselman, Rhonda and Brad Blevins, Brian and Kim Healey and Mark and Todd Healey; and his great-grandchildren, Lauren Hines, JP Hines, Mandy and Nate Culler, David Brand, Quinten Johnson, Jack McComb, Tate Johnston, Danielle Blevins, Kristin Blevins, Carley Blevins, Kelsey Blevins and Walker Healey.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Pauline Mergy, Alice Brooks and Luetta Mais, and a brother, Weir Whysong.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Brian Carsten will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or Kidney Foundation.

Robert Shafer

ANGOLA — Robert L. Shafer, 75, of Angola, died Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Shafer was born May 13, 1928, in Wilkinsburg, Pa., to Carm and Blanche (Williams) Shafer. He married Lois Knapp in June of 1953. She survives.

He attended Farmer High School, and graduated from Hicksville High School in Ohio with the class of 1946. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Edward C. Smart American Legion Post in Hicksville and the Lions Club in Clear Lake.

He retired in 1980 after 30 years of employment with Sheets Construction Co. in Fort Wayne.

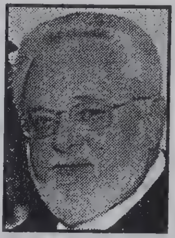
Services will be at 1 p.m. Indiana time Saturday at Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville. Calling will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Burial will be at Six Corners Cemetery in Hicksville.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Daniel Bennett

BUTLER — Daniel Paul Bennett, 59, of Butler died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.



Mr. Bennett

Mr. Bennett worked in industrial sales at Dana Corp. for 13 years and then at Royal Arc Welding of Ashley. He was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo. He loved sports and was an avid hunter and fisherman.

He was born Oct. 18, 1944, in Fort Wayne. His father and stepmother, Paul and Norma Bennett, survive in Fort Wayne. His mother, Anna Jane (Adam) Bennett, preceded him in death.

He married Darley Oberlin on Aug. 17, 1963, in Butler. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tammy Bennett of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kay Bennett-Badero of Butler and Ann and Jim Finchum of Auburn; one brother, Steve Bennett of Montevideo, Minn.; one sister, Lisa Marks of Durham, N.C.; and three grandchildren, Marcus Brothern, Katelyn Woehnker and Rachael Finchum.

In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by a son, Mark Daniel Bennett, in infancy.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Helen Felber

BERNE — Helen Felber, 94, of Berne died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 1:15 p.m. in Swiss Village at Berne.

Mrs. Felber was the co-owner and bookkeeper for Felber Machine Shop for more than 40 years. She also was a church pianist and organist for many years. She was a member of Grace Bible Church.

She was born May 14, 1909, in Berne to David and Magdalena (Mettler) Spiehiger.

She married Ervin Felber on July 30, 1927, in Berne. He died in 2000.

Surviving are a son, Dr. DeWayne Felber of Indianapolis; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sherrill and Gene Bradford of Auburn and Nancy Kyler of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Edwin, and four sisters, Edna Lehman, Wilma Lehman, Martha Habegger and Bertha Miller.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Grace Bible Church. The Rev. Chuck Circle will officiate. Burial will be in M.R.E. Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Swiss Village Social Corner and Friday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Swiss Village or Grace Bible Church.

Jack Garner

FORT WAYNE — Jack Garner, 78, of Fort Wayne died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Covington Manor Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Garner was a native of Decatur.

He was a supervisor with Peter Eckrich & Sons for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

Mr. Garner was an Army veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 9160 in Roanoke and VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Hageman of Columbia City and Teresa S. Crow of Fort Wayne; two sisters, May Kay Mertens of Boca Raton, Fla., and Annie Didrick of Elmhurst, Ill.; a brother, Dick Garner of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Helen M. (Griffith) Garner, and a daughter, Janice Tierney.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday prior to services.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Herbert Dulinsky

WOLCOTTVILLE — Herbert Lewis Dulinsky, 60, of Wolcottville died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Dulinsky moved to Wolcottville from Bluffton in 1968. He was a printing machine operator at Sealed Power Corp. in LaGrange.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the LaGrange Moose Lodge.

Mr. Dulinsky was born Nov. 3, 1943, in Bluffton to George B. and Thelma L. (Weakly) Dulinsky. On May 17, 1968, in Murray, he married Joan M. Johnloz. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son, Tami and Darrell Hudson of Wolcottville; a son and daughter-in-law, Troy and Susan Dulinsky of Washington, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Earl Rose officiating. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Moose Lodge Scholarship Fund.

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Sunnie Harrington

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Sunnie Dae Harrington, 25, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Monday afternoon, May 10, 2004, in Bethesda North Hospital at Cincinnati after a lengthy illness.

She was born Nov. 29, 1978, in Auburn and had been a resident of Montpelier, Ohio, for most of her life. She attended elementary school and middle school in Montpelier.

Surviving are her parents, Roberta and Erwin Harrington of Montpelier; one brother, Brawner Shi Harrington of Montpelier; one sister and brother-in-law, Audra Rae and Pete Hoffman of Lakeland, Wash.; her maternal grandparents, Paul and Mary Soule of Butler; a paternal grandmother, Marga Harrington of Montpelier; and a maternal great-grandmother, Evelo Schelling of Montpelier.

She was preceded in death by a maternal grandfather, Robert Schelling, and a paternal grandfather, Omer Harrington.

A memorial service will be Saturday at noon Indiana time in Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home of Montpelier. Pastor Don Harris will officiate. Private burial services will be at a later date.

Calling will be Saturday after 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Craig Fuller

KENDALLVILLE — Craig Fuller, 34, of Kendallville died at 12:15 p.m. Monday, May 10, 2004, at his home. He was a brittle diabetic and had suffered a lengthy illness.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Fuller last worked for A-1 Production in Kendallville.

He was born Sept. 5, 1969, in Kendallville to Willie and Adna (Terry) Fuller. They are deceased.

Surviving are four daughters, Jennifer Fuller, Brianna Fuller, Cassie Fuller and Danielle Fuller; a son, Brandon Will Fuller; a grandmother, Edna Fuller of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Wesley and Jennifer Fuller of Kendallville; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Christina and Kevin Miller of Avilla, Dorine Lovely of Kendallville, and Margaret and Dennis Gibson of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Russell Hicks of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Norman Deuitch

GARRETT — Norman R. Deuitch, 50, of Garrett died Monday, May 10, 2004, at 11:21 a.m. in his home.

Mr. Deuitch was a lifetime resident of Garrett. He worked in quality control at TRW in Garrett, leaving in 2003. He was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born July 1, 1953, in Garrett to Norbert L. and Lois E. (Burtch) Deuitch. His mother preceded him in death. His father survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Dustin Deuitch and Scott Deuitch, both of Garrett; a brother, Nelson Deuitch of Toronto, Ontario, Canada; a granddaughter, Lauren Deuitch, and a grandson, Lucas Deuitch, both of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Vicki Clabaugh.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Lloyd Mealer will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Community Center.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

ALBION NEW ERA

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Eva Ravenscroft

ALBION – Eva P. Ravenscroft, 103, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, Kendallville.

She was a lifetime area resident, a homemaker and took in laundry and ironing.

Mrs. Ravenscroft attended Albion Wesleyan Church and enjoyed the outdoors, flowers, crocheting and vacationing.

Born on February 8, 1901, in Albion, she was the daughter of Perry W. and Orilla (Nicodemus) Coe. She married Carl Ravenscroft on September 21, 1921, in Centerville, MI. He preceded her in death in 1965.

Surviving are a daughter, June M. Jacob of Albion; a brother, Harold Coe of Kendallville; three grandchildren, two with their spouses, Carole Huff, Phil and Cindy Jacob and Diane and Dennis King, all of Albion; seven great-grandchildren, Danielle Zumbrun, Nichelle Pulver, Chad, Brad and Shawn Jacob, and Brandon and Corey King; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Robert Ravenscroft; a daughter, Bonnie Jean Kline; a sister, Bonnie Marshall; a brother, Orval Coe; and a stepbrother, Leo Hawk.

Services were held Monday, May 10, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion, with Pastor David Earlwine officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Stanley Myers

LIGONIER – Stanley Russell Myers, 58, of rural Ligonier, died Thursday, May 6, 2004, at his residence.

He was born on March 5, 1946, in Goshen to C. Russell and Elizabeth (Miller) Myers.

He was a graduate of New Paris High School and Wisconsin State University, River Falls, WI. He was the owner-operator of Myers Auto Salvage, Ligonier.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Michelle Myers of Milford and Nathan and Angie Myers of Wolf Lake; his parents; his companion, Teri Hall; a sister and brother-in-law, Sueann and Dan Thomas of Columbus; a brother, Stephen Myers of Paw Paw, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Private family services were held at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

Memorials may be directed to Care at Home or the hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Elbert Fair

AVILLA – Elbert "Sibo" Fair, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fair was born March 13, 1927, in Perry County, Latta Creek, KY, the son of Bud and Ruth (Lawson) Fair.

On December 6, 1997, in Altona, he married Charlene K. Stahl. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Elbert Fair Jr. of Fort Wayne, Johnny Fair of Ligonier, Tommy Fair of Topeka, and Eddie Fair of Isom, KY; a daughter, Betty Loveless of Lavurn, KY, three stepdaughters, Brenda Kraft of Auburn, Lori Bolen of Kendallville and Wanda Facklam of Ashley; two stepsons, Lloyd Leiner of Fort Wayne and Joseph Kennedy of Auburn; two sisters, May Ellen Platt of Georgetown, KY, and Ellie Combs of KY; a brother, Jessie Fair of KY; 10 grandchildren, 10 stepgrandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, May 8, 2004, at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Mosley officiating. Burial was in Brushey Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Joan Kammerer

AVILLA – Joan R. Kammerer, 79, died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Kammerer had lived in Avilla for 11 years and was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett and the Garrett Elks Auxiliary.

She worked as a payroll clerk at Mossberg-Hubbard in Garrett for 10 years, retiring in 1984.

She was born July 24, 1924, in Garrett, to Victor Carper and Olga Faye Miller. They preceded her in death.

She married Kenneth N. Kammerer on June 10, 1945, in Garrett. He died November 29, 1978.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Sandy Kammerer of Virginia Beach, VA; two granddaughters, Brenda Burcham of Garrett and Kimberly Simon of Butler; three great-grandchildren, Tiffany Simon and Calub Simon of Butler and Courtney Burcham of Garrett; and three brothers, Jerry Carper and Don Carper, both of Garrett, and Jim Carper of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Carper.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, May 11, 2004 in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Lloyd Mealer officiating.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society.

Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA

MAY 12 2004 Albion, Indiana

Joellen McGee

FORT WAYNE – Joellen Egolf McGee, 60, a resident of Fort Wayne and formerly of Churubusco, died Sunday, May 9, 2004, at the Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past two months.

Ms. McGee was born on April 11, 1944, at Wolf Lake, a daughter of Nile W. and Emma Louise (Clouse) Egolf, and spent all of her formative years in Churubusco, graduating from Churubusco High School in 1962.

She spent most all of her adult life in Fort Wayne and was formerly employed at Central Soya in Fort Wayne for 14 years. Employed as the engineering Program Administrator at ITT in Fort Wayne, she had worked there for the past 19 years.

An avid fan of Indiana University basketball and former coach Bobby Knight, she enjoyed crafts, sewing, her Bunko Club friends, and most especially her grandsons.

The surviving relatives include her daughter Kelly McGee of Fort Wayne; her sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Steve Parker of Simpsonville, SC; and her grandsons, Shawn Weaver and Casey Weaver, both of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Jerry Egolf on April 17, 1977.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 11, 2004, in the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs, pastor of the church, officiating. Interment was in the family plot at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults or to her grandsons' scholarship fund in care of Three River's Credit Union.

Bernard Chapman

JACKSON, MI – Bernard W. "Barney" Chapman, 72, of Jackson and formerly of Kendallville, IN, died Monday, May 3, 2004, at Foote Hospital.

Mr. Chapman was special projects manager at Air Master Fan and had been its manager of purchasing and maintenance.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, the Jackson Dance Club and the Hits and Misses Couples Golf League.

Mr. Chapman was born February 5, 1932, in Kendallville to Bernard and Beulah (Sexton) Chapman. His mother survives in Wawaka, IN

Surviving are his wife of 11 years, Josie; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mike and Deb Chapman and Steve and Kathy Chapman, all of Kendallville; four stepchildren and their spouses, Bill and Tonya Wilson, Joan and Steve Hugenell, ReNae and Jeff Anderson, and Ruth and Darian O'Dell; a sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and Ross Jett of Wawaka; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, May 8, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church, in Jackson, MI, with the Rev. James Hegedus officiating.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, the American Cancer Society, the Diabetes Foundation or the First Presbyterian Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Robert Whysong

ASHLEY — Robert L. "Bud" Whysong, 88, of Ashley died Monday, May 10, 2004, at 11:08 p.m. at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Whysong was a self-employed carpenter. He was a member of Ashley Masonic Lodge 614 for more than 60 years. He also was a member of Pleasant Lake Order of the Eastern Star and the Pleasant Lake Fire Department.

He was born Dec. 4, 1915, in Pleasant Lake to Fred and Dora (Sink) Whysong.

He married Evelyn "Rusty" Light on Aug. 21, 1933. She died June 28, 1988.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Paul Chavez of Auburn, Janet and Don Casselman of Coldwater, Mich., and Carol and Mike Healey of LaGrange; two sisters, Evelyn "Evy" Hovarter of Apopka, Fla., and Ethel Whipple of Fruitland Park, Fla.; his grandchildren and their spouses, Terry and Patch Hines, Christine and George Brand, Shelly and Jeff McComb, Suzanne Chavez, Dawn Casselman, Rhonda and Brad Blevins, Brian and Kim Healey and Mark and Todd Healey; and his great-grandchildren, Lauren Hines, JP Hines, Mandy and Nate Culler, David Brand, Quinten Johnson, Jack McComb, Tate Johnston, Danielle Blevins, Kristin Blevins, Carley Blevins, Kelsey Blevins and Walker Healey.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Pauline Mergy, Alice Brooks and Luetta Mais, and a brother, Weir Whysong.

Daniel Bennett

BUTLER — Calling for Daniel Paul Bennett, 59, of Butler is today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Mr. Bennett

Mr. Bennett died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in the funeral home. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

An obituary in Wednesday's edition listed an incorrect starting time for calling. We apologize for the error.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson. The Rev. Brian Carsten will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cancer Society or Kidney Foundation.

Alice Mynhier

ELKHART — Alice V. Mynhier, 80, of Elkhart died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Woodland Manor Nursing Home of Elkhart.

Mrs. Mynhier

Mrs. Mynhier retired as a registered nurse. She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church and the Ligonier American Legion Post 243 Auxiliary.

She enjoyed making pine needle baskets, needle work, sewing, RV traveling and wintering in Arizona.

Mrs. Mynhier was born July 10, 1923, in Whitley County to Irvin P. and Emma R. (Hissong) Bair. On Aug. 4, 1944, in Leesburg, she married Joseph Mynhier. He died in July 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Terrance LaNouette of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Margaret Mynhier of Marietta, Ga., and Joseph and Vivian Mynhier of Zionsville; a brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; two sisters, Pauline Erdly and Kathern Brazzell, both of Ligonier; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor David Whitmore officiating. Private family burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

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Yetiva Humphries

HOOKSETT, N.H. — Former Angola resident Yetiva Humphries, 103, of Hooksett, N.H., died Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2004.

Mrs. Humphries was born Aug. 25, 1900, in Ossian, to Charles and Lois Clark. She resided in Angola for many years with her husband, John Humphries, who was the chairman of the Mechanical Engineering Department at Tri-State University. She also taught English for many years at TSU, and was the oldest living former Tri-State teacher.

She was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Angola, and was active in civic affairs. She was known for her love of music, especially classical music, and for her wit and humor.

She moved to Hooksett in 1998 to be closer to her family, and became a Boston Post Cane Holder in 2002.

She had been in declining health for the past several years.

Surviving are a daughter, Yvonne Detweiler of Saugerties, N.Y.; a son, Charles Humphries of Hooksett; 10 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

George Heckman

AUBURN — George W. Heckman, 83, of Auburn died at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Heckman had moved to Auburn in 2000 from Whitley County. He had lived in Fort Wayne until 1970.

He had been a machine operator at Fruehoff for 33 years, retiring in 1983. He then farmed for six years.

He enjoyed gardening.

Mr. Heckman was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Columbia City for 30 years and a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn for the past four years.

He was born April 3, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Martin C. and Florence (Morton) Heckman. On Nov. 28, 1946, in Fort Wayne, he married Helen Decker. She died June 30, 2000.

Surviving is a sister, Ruth Alfeld of Campbell, Calif.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Floyd.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County or to the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to reflect a change in service arrangements.*

Lucille Farnham

EDGERTON, Ohio — Lucille M. Farnham, 84, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, where she was a resident. She had been in failing health for two months.

Mrs. Farnham was born Aug. 19, 1919, in Monclova, Ohio, to Howard P. and Eva (Comstock) Hinkle. She married Ronald M. Farnham on Dec. 24, 1941, in Swanton, Ohio. He preceded her in death on Oct. 29, 1996.

She was a homemaker and a member of Edgerton United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the United Methodist Women, a former member of Evening Star Chapter No. 14, Order of the Eastern Star, the Priscella Club, and the Edgerton Garden Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald and LeeAnn Farnham of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Denise Farnham of Edgerton; a brother, Lyle Hinkle of Mansfield, Ohio; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Robert Farnham, a brother, Robert Hinkle, and a sister, Betty Hinkle.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Saturday at Edgerton United Methodist Church, Edgerton, with Pastor Ned Adams officiating.

Calling will be Friday from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Farnham Cemetery near Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Edgerton United Methodist Church.

Girlie Brill

AUBURN — Girlie D. Brill, 53, died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at Select Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Brill worked as a machine operator at Electric Motors in Garrett for 32 years. She was a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born March 21, 1951, in Talcum, Ky., to Leonard and Mayoma (Ritchie) Dobson. Her mother survives in Auburn. Her father preceded her in death.

She married Steve Brill on Jan. 15, 1972, in Waterloo. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sandy and Kevin Casselman of Auburn; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Willis and Ilene Dobson of Auburn and Charlie and Staci Dobson of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Mabel and Don Beber of Auburn and Pauline and Gary Krider of Kinderhook, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Logan, Layton and Makenzie Casselman of Auburn.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ted Jansen and the Rev. Wilbur Yates officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Relay for Life.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mary Golden

ANGOLA — Mary Jean Golden, 76, of Angola, died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Golden was born Jan. 17, 1928, in Angola, to Herman C. and Joyce K. (Miller) Kohl.

She was a secretary at Tri-State University in Angola for 23 years, retiring in 1993. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, Psi Iota Xi Rho Chapter and several bridge clubs.

She attended Tri-State University.

Surviving are a son, Gregory L. Golden of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jennifer Harting of Winona Lake; two sisters, Virginia Somerlott of Angola and June Peet of Elkhart; four grandchildren, Chad Ward, Matt Denig, Dawn Bradley and Stephanie Johnson; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Calling WILL BE Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to Tri-State University or the Angola United Methodist Church.

Amelia Yoder

GOSHEN — Amelia Yoder, 85, of Goshen died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 10:45 a.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Dec. 12, 1918, in Nappanee to Martin and Lovina (Yoder) Yoder.

Surviving are two sisters, Amanda Christner of Topeka and Ida Mae Christner and husband, Kenneth, of LaGrange; two half sisters and their husbands, Susie and Jesse Schlabach of Goshen and Katie and Amos Miller of Middlebury; a stepsister, Amanda Schrock of Topeka; a stepsister-in-law, Alberta (Beechy) Miller of Goshen; a brother, Elmer Yoder of Topeka; and two stepbrothers, Dan Beechy of Goshen and Levi Beechy of Humansville, Mo.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and a stepbrother.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m Saturday at the Freeman Weaver residence, 4685 W. C.R. 600W, Topeka, with Bishop Harvey Lambright and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the Jesse Schlabach residence, 12648 S.R. 4, Goshen.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

ADVANCED LEADER

MAY 13 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Services held this morning for Rose Cunningham

Rose Cunningham

LIGONIER — Rose V. Cunningham, 92, of Ligonier died at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, May 9, 2004, at Avalon Village Healthcare Center in Ligonier.

A lifetime area resident, Mrs. Cunning-ham was an accomplished artist and florist. She had worked for a number of years at her family's business, Schrock's Greenhouse and Floral Shop in Ligonier.

She also had been a correspondent for The News-Sun, South Bend Tribune and Goshen News, as well as a homemaker.

Mrs. Cunningham was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church. She had served as Worthy Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a member of the Perry Township Home Economics Club and the Noble County Art Association.

She was born Feb. 16, 1912, in Cory, Pa., to Otto and Bethel (Tallerday) Schrock. She graduated in 1929 from Ligonier High School. On Oct. 25, 1936, in Churubusco, she married Fred R. Cunningham. He died March 22, 1996.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kent and Lori Cunningham of Ligonier and Kyle Cunningham of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Stan Mithoefer of Lafayette; a brother, Walter Schrock of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were held this morning at Ligonier United Methodist Church with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh and the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ligonier United Methodist Church or the Noble County Art Association.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Business owner Stanley Myers, 58

LIGONIER — Stanley Russell Myers, 58, of rural Ligonier, died at 11:24 a.m. Thursday, May 6, 2004, at his residence.

He was born on March 5, 1946, in Goshen to C. Russell and Elizabeth (Miller) Myers.

He was a graduate of New Paris High School and Wisconsin State University, River Falls, Wis. He was the owner-operator of Myers Auto Salvage, Ligonier.

He is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Matthew and Michelle Myers of Milford and Nathan and Angie Myers of Wolf Lake; his parents; his companion, Teri Hall; a sister and brother-in-law, Sueann and Dan Thomas of Columbus; a brother, Stephen Myers of Paw Paw, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

Private family services were held at Rieth-Rohrer-Ehret Funeral Home, Goshen.

Memorials may be directed to Care at Home or the hospice of Goshen General Hospital.

Elbert Fair

AVILLA — Elbert "Sibo" Fair, 77, of Avilla died Wednesday, May 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Fair was born March 13, 1927, in Perry County, Latta Creek, Ky., the son of Bud and Ruth (Lawson) Fair. On Dec. 6, 1997, in Altona he married Charlene K. Stahl. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Elbert Fair Jr. of Fort Wayne, Johnny Fair of Ligonier, Tommy Fair of Topeka, and Eddie Fair of Isom, Ky.; a daughter, Betty Loveless of Lavurn, Ky., three stepdaughters, Brenda Kraft of Auburn, Lori Bolen of Kendallville and Wanda Facklam of Ashley; two stepsons, Lloyd Leiner of Fort Wayne and Joseph Kennedy of Auburn; two sisters, May Ellen Platt of Georgetown, Ky., and Ellie Combs of Kentucky; a brother, Jessie Fair of Kentucky; 10 grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at Grace Christian Church in Kendallville with Pastor Scott Mosley officiating. Burial was in Brushey Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Janet Raynor

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Janet Macomber Raynor, 73, of Philadephia died Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Quadrangle in Haverford, Pa. She had suffered from Alzheimer's disease for a lengthy period of time.

Mrs. Raynor was born in Kendallville the daughter of William H. and Mary Ann (Adams) Macomber. She was the oldest of five children. She attended high school at Tudor Hall in Indianapolis and graduated from Smith College in 1952.

While in college she met her husband, William A. Raynor Jr., an Amherst College graduate. They married in 1952 and moved to the Philadelphia area where they raised three children.

She was an active volunteer for the Smith College Alumnae Association, the Junior League of Philadelphia and the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. She enjoyed playing bridge and attending performances of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Surviving are a daughter, Anne R. Patton of Denver, Colo.; two sons, William A. Raynor III and Roy A. Raynor, both of Malvern, Pa.; two brothers, Marshall A. Macomber of Indianapolis and Herbert H. Macomber of LaGrange, Ga.; and seven grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church in Bryn Mawr.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Ind.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Local arrangements are by Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Richard Sickels

COLDWATER, Mich. — Richard D. Sickels, 71, of Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Sickels was born April 28, 1933, in Bronson, Mich., to Claude Maurice and Emma Irene (Spade) Sickels. He married Ila M. Clearwater on Nov. 29, 1952, in Angola. She survives.

He grew up in Steuben County, and was raised by his grandparents, Emery and Gertrude Spade. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-56. He worked at Voltek in Coldwater, and retired in 1996.

He was a 1951 graduate of Fremont High School. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, fishing and photography.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Sickels and Rodney Sickels, both of Coldwater; a brother, Durwood Sickels of Jamestown; a sister, Doris Smith of Angola; three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Indiana time on Saturday at Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, with Pastor Matt Sargent of the East Ovid United Brethren Church officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the charity of one's choice.

Helen Friend

WATERLOO — Helen Friend, 82, of Waterloo died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Friend worked at Cooper Industrial Products in Auburn for 25 years, retiring in 1987.

She was affiliated with two churches, Corunna Community Church and Waterloo Assembly of God.

She was a 1939 graduate of Waterloo High School and a member of the Pythian Sisters.

She was born May 26, 1921, in Waterloo to Claude J. and Grace (Saltsman) Meyer. They preceded her in death.

She married Jairus M. Friend on Sept. 22, 1946, in Waterloo. He died March 18, 2001.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Robert E. and Kerstin Friend of Flossmoor, Ill., James M. and Carol Friend of Bryan, Ohio, and Mark A. Friend of Waterloo; one sister, Vinnie Harriet Martin of Hicksville, Ohio; five grandchildren, Lindsey Moloney, Jonathan Friend, Lori Nawrocki, Sandi Washburn and Vanessa Friend; and four great-grandchildren, Sarah, Anthony and Rebekah Nawrocki and Justin Genot.

She also was preceded in death by a sister, Eleanor Buss.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home of Fort Wayne.

Anna Kline

AUBURN — Anna L. Kline, 77, of Auburn died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Kline co-owned and operated Kline Cleaners in Auburn for 10 years, retiring in 1985.

She was born April 30, 1927, to Carlton and Jeannette (Parker) Aldrich.

Her husband, Charles Kline, died in 1993.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Sharon Kline of Auburn and Jeffrey and Karen Kline of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Maureen and Rick Purdy of Auburn; three brothers, Wayne Aldrich of Angola and Bruce Aldrich and Lynn Aldrich, both of Hamilton; two sisters, Mina Palmer of Auburn and Lois Johnston of Butler; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kline

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Surfus; five brothers, Gene, Carlton, Thomas, Larry and Clifford Aldrich; and five sisters, Ruth Shearer, Thelma Wappes, Betty Bonecutter, Beverly Hathaway and Carol Lou Stoltz.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. John Kinsey will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Calling will be Saturday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

James DeBrular

BURKE, Va. — Interment services for James DeBrular, 88, of Burke and formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Fort Myers, Fla., will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

Pastor Don Poyser will officiate.

The family will greet visitors at the grave site at 1 p.m.

Mr. DeBrular died Nov. 28, 2003, in Burke.

He was a native of Cromwell, Ind., and the son of Ellsworth and Nellie (Sparrow) DeBrular.

Among his survivors are his wife of 66 years, Edna (Beers) DeBrular of Burke; two daughters and sons-in-law, Naomi and Roger Foote of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Nancy and Fred Richardson of Falls Church; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Laura DeBrular of Fairfax, Va.; a brother and sister-in-law, John Thomas and Geraldine DeBrular of Cromwell; a sister-in-law Lela DeBrular of Milford, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Eugene Trammel

FORT WAYNE — Eugene N. "Gene" Trammel, 69, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Parkview Hospital.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Trammel was a machinist with B.F.Goodrich Co. for 25 years and a veteran of the Korean War. He enjoyed volleyball, fishing and wood carving.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia M. Herport-Trammel of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly J. Bailey of Auburn, and Becky J. and David F. Bockelman of Churubusco; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Daryl E. Trammel of Waterloo, and Brent R. and Trudy Trammel of Roanoke; a stepdaughter and her husband, Teresa A. and Rod Bullis of West Bend, Wis.; a stepson, David W. Herport of Albion; four sisters, Peggy Gordon of Coldwater, Mich., Eileen Croghan of Orland, Myra Behrer of Fort Wayne, and Sharon Werling of Zanesville, Ohio; one brother, Jay Trammel of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at noon Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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William Hefty

FORT WAYNE — William B. "Bill" Hefty, 69, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

Born in Allen County, he was a 39-year member of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union 166, retiring in 1993.

He served as vice president of Local 166 and was a delegate to the North East Indiana Building Trades Council and a member of Central Labor Council, the Union Label Council and the COPE Committee.

At Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, he was a board member, chairman of the Retirees Committee and an athletic director and coach.

He coached the Mr. Coney Little League team for 18 years.

He was a loving husband, father and proud grandfather of 15 grandchildren. He loved gardening, fishing and Sunday dinners with his family. His limits in health did not limit his life.

Surviving are his wife of 44 years, Rozanne; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Mark Hefty, David and Sharon Hefty and Matthew and Gwen Hefty, all of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Christine King, Julie and John Price and Lisa and Tom Krouse, all of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; and a sister, Peggy Schurr of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a son, Scott, in 1986.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Most Precious Blood Catholic Church, 1515 Barthold St., Fort Wayne. A prayer service will begin at 10:15 a.m. Monday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home, with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to masses or Most Precious Blood Catholic Church.

Nora Lynn Young

WATERLOO — Nora Lynn Young died Monday, May 10, 2004, on the day she was born in Parkview North Hospital at Fort Wayne.

She was the daughter of Jon and Mandy Young of Waterloo.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Cecil Freeburn of Auburn, Cathy Bonecutter of Hamilton and Perry and Lena Young of Waterloo; an aunt and uncle, Jenny and Ted Meyers; a cousin, Emily Meyers; a step aunt, Kim Anderson; a step uncle, Mike Bonecutter of Garrett; her great-grandparents, Richard and Ann Squier of Waterloo, Otelia Young of Auburn, Margaret Phillips of New Haven and Paul and Gladys Freeburn of Auburn; and a stepgreat-grandmother, Lois Bonecutter of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a stepgrandfather, Bill Bonecutter of Hamilton, great-grandfathers William Young and Boyd Phillips and a stepgreat-grandfather, William Bonecutter.

Services will be held at a later date. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Dana Sabrosky

GARRETT — Dana B. Sabrosky, 53, of Garrett died Wednesday, May 12, at 8:52 p.m. in his home.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Mildred Yoder

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Mildred W. Yoder, 82, of Glendale and formerly of Goshen, died Monday, May 10, 2004, at Glencroft Care Center in Glendale.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker. She had moved to Glendale in 1992.

She was a member of Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale and made quilts for the Glencroft Retirement Community's annual auction.

Mrs. Yoder

Mrs. Yoder was born June 27, 1921, in Noble County, to Eldon and Maude E. (Hostetler) Yoder. On July 2, 1949, she married Aaron "Pete" Yoder. He died Oct. 13, 2003.

Surviving are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Maxine and Willard Yoder of Topeka and Marcile and Tom Mehl of Milford; and four brothers and sisters-in-law, Mervin and Joann Yoder of Topeka, Maurice and Gladys Yoder of Wakarusa, Merle and Sue Yoder of Middlebury and Meredith and Eloise Yoder of Wauseon, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Marie Gonser, and two brothers, Marion and Mylin Yoder.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Maple Grove Church in Topeka with the Rev. Carl Horner and the Rev. Brent Eash officiating. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery in Topeka.

Calling will be from 9-10:30 a.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to Glencroft Zion Foundation.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Seaman

HAMILTON — Margaret L. Seaman, 85, of Hamilton died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 4:40 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Seaman was a clerk at Sears Roebuck in Fort Wayne for 30 years. She was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was born Nov. 25, 1918, in Roanoke to Earl and Lola (Platt) Farrell. They preceded her in death.

Her husband, Delbert Seaman, preceded her in death on Jan. 19, 1976.

Surviving are a daughter, Judy Jo Stuckey of Hamilton; two sisters, Doris Miller and Francine Moncrief, both of Searcy, Ark.; two grandsons and their wives, Jim and Amber Stuckey and Joe and Tiffany Stuckey, all of Hamilton; and three great-grandchildren, Blake, Jackson and Morgan Stuckey.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Dale Farrell, and a sister, Joan Turrentine.

Services will be Sunday at 1 p.m. in Hoverstock Cemetery at Zanesville. Pastor Eric Stoops will officiate. Burial will be in Hoverstock Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

H.E. Johnson and Son Funeral Home in Butler is handling arrangements.

Larry Proxmire

PAYNE, Ohio — Larry W. "Pork" Proxmire, 62, of Payne, Ohio, died Thursday, May 13, 2004, at 5:55 p.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Proxmire had retired from Sims Manufacturing of Payne, Ohio, and was currently employed at PG Workshop in Paulding, Ohio. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and Flat Rock Lodge 580 F&AM, both in Payne, Ohio.

He was born May 23, 1941, in Paulding, Ohio to Darell and Thelma (Pease) Proxmire. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Joan E.; two sons, David Proxmire of Hudson and Greg Proxmire of Paulding, Ohio; four daughters, Judy Jennings of Butler, Nancy Ottinger of Middlebury and Anne Deal and Lanette Ruger, both of Paulding, Ohio; one brother, Rex Proxmire of Fort Myers, Fla.; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Payne. The Rev. G. Allan Fillman will officiate. Burial will be in Lehman Cemetery at Payne.

Calling will be Tuesday after 3 p.m. (Indiana time) at Slade Funeral Home, 206 S. Main St., Payne,with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Payne EMS.

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***THIS OBITUARY** is being reprinted to correct errors. We apologize for a typographical error and misunderstandings that led to the error.*

Nora Lyn Young

WATERLOO — Nora Lyn Young was stillborn Monday, May 10, 2004, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was the daughter of Jon and Mandy Young of Waterloo.

Also surviving are her grandparents, Cecil Freeburn of Auburn and Perry and Lona Young of Waterloo; a stepgrandfather, Bill Bonecutter of Hamilton; an aunt and uncle, Jenny and Ted Meyers; a cousin, Emily Meyers; a step aunt, Kim Anderson; a step uncle, Mike Bonecutter of Garrett; her great-grandparents, Richard and Ann Squier of Waterloo, Otelia Young of Auburn, Margaret Phillips of New Haven and Paul and Gladys Freeburn of Auburn; and a stepgreat-grandmother, Lois Bonecutter of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by a grandmother, Cathy Bonecutter of Hamilton, great-grandfathers William Young and Boyd Phillips and a stepgreat-grandfather, William Bonecutter.

Services will be held at a later date. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Dana Sabrosky

GARRETT — Dana B. Sabrosky, 54, of Garrett died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 8:52 p.m. at his home.

Mr. Sabrosky was a maintenance man at the Ark Of Jesus Church in Garrett, where he also was a board member.

He was born Nov. 11, 1949, in Kendallville to Howard L. and Mary Kay (Strecker) Sabrosky. His parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Sabrosky of Garrett; and three brothers, Kevin Sabrosky of Kendallville, Kirk Sabrosky of Fort Wayne and C.J. Sabrosky of Laguna Hills, Calif.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. today in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with Pastor Jeffrey Horn officiating.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, to assist with expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Services Held

LISBON — Services for **Craig Fuller** were held Friday at 11 a.m. at the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon. Elder Morris Wicker officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers were Wesley Fuller, Dennis Gibson, Kevin Miller, Jasper Mullens, James Mullens and Billy Jeffries.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Henry Karst** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Jacob Gall and Father Ray Balzer officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Eric Karst, Scott Karst, Gary Karst, Darwin Stoffel, Randy Miller and John Miller. Honorary pallbearers were Alex Karst, Chris Karst, Gabriet Karst, Jon Hill, Roger Prentice and Matthew Dennis Karst. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

John Tuka

FREMONT — John James Tuka, 76, of Fremont, formerly of Orland, died Friday, May 14, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

In Berwyn, Ill., on Sept. 6, 1927, he was born to John and Mary (Barabash) Tuka. He married Ruth Noe. She survives.

Mr. Tuka owned and operated the Orland Lounge from 1984 to 1990 and other businesses in Michigan throughout the years.

He lived in Dowagiac and Martin in Michigan before coming to Orland in 1984, and then moving to Fremont in November 2002.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: four sons, Thomas Tuka, New Galilee, Penn., Eugene Tuka, Laurel, Mont., Anthony Tuka, Sturgis, Mich., and Frank Tuka, Dowagiac, Mich.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Maria and Thomas Timmer, Waland, Texas, and Lisa and Marty Kain, Angola; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Tony Krukowski, Dowagiac, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, a brother, Joseph Tuka, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul Chapel, Clear Lake, Fremont, with the Rev. Philip Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with a scripture service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Rose Becker-Steele

ASHLEY — Rose J. Becker-Steele, 63, of Ashley died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 12:20 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana.

She was a registered medical assistant and worked in private-duty home health care.

She was born Dec. 26, 1940, in Kendallville, to Kenton E. and Ruby (Hoffman) Becker. Her father survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sheryl Mowery of Leo and Deborah Boyle of Kansas City, Mo.; two sons, Gary Hanna and Rob Hanna, both of Hudson; four sisters, Jean Becker of Fort Wayne, Gail Perl of Fort Wayne, Diane LeBrun of Pleasant Lake and Deborah Ensley of Minnesota; a brother, Jerry Becker of Lake James; and nine grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Saturday, May 29, at 4 p.m. at Harvest Christian Fellowship Church, 11225 Grabill Road, Leo.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Michael Nimtz

LAGRANGE — Michael H. Nimtz, 68, died Friday, May 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Jonesboro, Ind., the former Allen County resident was a captain with the Fort Wayne Fire Department for 25 years and in the U.S. Air Force from 1956 to 1963.

He was a member of Lutheran Laymans League and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Stroh, and owner and operator of Camera Service Center for 20 years (master technician).

Surviving are: his wife Gloria, LaGrange; a son, Steven M. Nimtz, Cromwell; four daughters, Betty J. Pennington, McClure, Ill., Cheryl A. Nimtz and Diane M. Ressler, both of Columbia City, and Jennifer L. Nimtz, Lansing, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Charlotte Miller; a brother, William (Bill) Nimtz; and a grandchild, Jennifer Hecht, in 2002.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 10275E C.R. 5505, Stroh. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Altar Fund.

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Vogel brothers were loved by many

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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FREMONT — In a small town, the death of a child or teenager can send shockwaves through the entire community.

Fremont lost two on April 4, 2004, when Justin Vogel, 17, and his brother Brandon, 12, were killed in a car accident near Hamilton.

"They had a lot of friends," said the boys' mother, Robin Vogel. "Busloads of kids were brought in for the service and the viewing."

Although Robin said the days after her sons' deaths were "a blur," she knows there were "tons of people, tons of kids" who came to pay their respects.

"The funeral procession was four miles long," she said.

The boys also left behind their father and stepmother, Robert and Dori Vogel, a brother, Ryan Vogel, a half sister, Faith Vogel, two half brothers, Hunter and Grady Vogel, and a stepbrother, Adam Mesker.

Justin who died just three days short of his 18th birthday, was a senior at Fremont High School, where he played on the football team and was involved in the building trades program. His mother described him as "a generous person, very mature and respectful."

"He had applied to Ivy Tech and was looking into an apprenticeship with an electrician," Robin said. "That was what he wanted to do."

Justin had held at job at the McDonald's restaurant on the Indiana Toll Road for two years, and had started a job at the Bennigan's restaurant in Angola five weeks prior to his death.

The boys' father said Justin was someone his younger siblings wanted to emulate.

"I know Ryan tried to be a lot like him," he said.

Justin was his younger half-brother Hunter's godfather.

Brandon, a sixth-grader at Fremont Middle School, tried his hand at athletics, but was more enamored of the arts.

"He tried baseball and things, but it was music he was really getting interested in," Robin said.

Brandon played saxophone in the school band, and had also joined the choir.

"He told me he didn't sing well, though," Robin said with a small smile.

Brandon also enjoyed computer and board games.

"He was a typical kid," Robin said.

JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND

Robin and Ryan Vogel hold photos of Brandon and Justin Vogel. The boys, son of Robin and brothers to Ryan, were killed in a car accident ner Hamilton April 4.

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Young man faced leukemia bravely

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Jeff Inman hopes that his son, Joshua, will be remembered as a person who made people laugh.

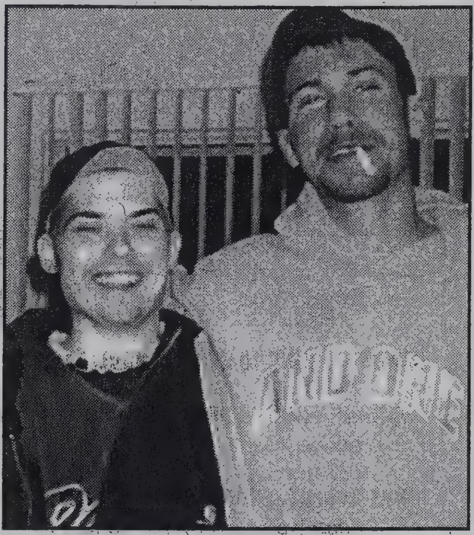
Joshua Inman, 19, died May 4, 2004 from leukemia. He battled the disease bravely, but "went way too early," his father said, succumbing a little more than a year after being diagnosed.

Inman was taking his son to a Fort Wayne oncologist May 3. Joshua was trying to get into a second remission so he could undergo a bone marrow transplant. Two possible donors had been located after Joshua's siblings had been ruled out as possible donors.

"Suddenly, he got real sick," Inman recalled of the trip to Fort Wayne. Joshua was taken to the emergency room of Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was placed on a ventilator.

"He died as a direct result of not enough oxygen to the brain," Inman said. After nearly a day with no sign of brain activity, the ventilator was removed and Joshua died a short time later.

Joshua's brother, Jason, of Auburn, called Joshua "the bravest person I've ever met." He went through a lot of pain and sleepless nights, his brother said, and even though frightened, went through his chemotherapy sessions eagerly.



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Joshua Inman, right, poses with his best friend, Adam Engleman. They watched over each other and were like brothers, Engleman said.

"He didn't want any sympathy; he wanted to be treated just like he was before he became sick," he said.

Adam Engleman was one of Joshua's closest friends. They met at East Noble High School, and Engleman said he regrets that he did not meet his friend sooner in life.

"No words can express what Josh meant to me," Engleman said. "He watched over me while I watched over him." They were as close as brothers.

"For that, I give him my heart, love and soul," Engleman said.

Joshua dearly loved his family, his brother said. "He made time for everyone, and dearly loved my kids," Jason Inman said. "He treated them like they were his own."

He said Joshua was deeply hurt when he learned he could not father children. "He felt it was pointless to get married," Jason Inman said.

Engleman said he and his friend were constantly together, and Engleman today is grateful that he had lost his job and was able to spend so much of his time with his friend.

"We liked to play cards, listen to music, hang out," he said.

Joshua's only aunt, Traci Robertson, remarked on the closeness of the family.

"Without Josh, something is missing that will never be replaced. He was ornery, and he was brave," she said.

Robertson said that as a little boy, Joshua had a lot of freckles. When asked where he got them, "He would always say, 'I got them from my Aunt Traci.'"

She, too, said that Joshua never complained during his illness. "No matter how much he would be hurting, if someone in the family needed something, he was there, doing what he could," she said.

"I don't think maybe Josh realized the impact he had on the family, and how much he was loved. Or, how much he will be missed," she said.

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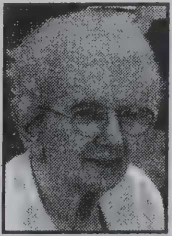
Sylvia Blake

KENDALLVILLE — Sylvia Rita Blake, 81, of Ligonier died at 12:25 a.m. Sunday, May 16, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mrs. Blake

She retired from Essex as a laborer. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church, The Golden Girls, and volunteered in the first-grade class at West Noble Elementary School.

Mrs. Blake enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, reading, traveling and camping.

She was born March 11, 1923, in Goshen to Chauncy and Elizabeth "Ellen" (Bechtel) Granger. On June 21, 1941, in Goshen, she married Paul Duane Blake. He died June 16, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters and two son-in-laws, Sally Baker of Kendallville, Paula and Rick Fought-Morrison of Kendallville and Karen and David Burns of Ligonier; two sisters, Carol Buchtel of Goshen and Clara Wagner of Portland, Ore.; 12 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were five sisters, Mayverd Shrock, Eunice Riley, Elsie Rockenbaugh, Verda Ganger and Glee Ganger; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Orr Funeral Home of Ligonier with the Rev. William Parks officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Assembly of God Church.

Adelaide Hauschild

AUBURN — Adelaide Halliday Hauschild, 93, died Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Mrs. Hauschild worked as a seamstress for the Park Ridge Bridal Store in Park Ridge, Ill., retiring in 1974.

She formerly lived in Riverview, Fla., Park Ridge, Ill., and Dumfries, Scotland.

She was born March 27, 1911, in Dumfries, Scotland, to Frank and Grace (Farish) Dawson.

She married James Halliday in Dumfries, Scotland, in 1933 He died in 1979.

She then married Alfred Hauschild in August 1985 in Massachusetts. He died in January 1998.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ian D. and Marlene Halliday of Auburn; one stepdaughter, Karen Hauschild of Massachusetts; six grandchildren, Tami Miske Jami Keegan, Sean Halliday, Kevin Halliday, Craig Halliday and Katy Hummer; four stepgrandchildren, Ron E. Glass; Karen Maxwell, Terri Crowl and Shirlene Harding; 11 great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son, James Francis Halliday; one daughter, Margaret Halliday; and one stepgrandson, Karl D. Glass.

Graveside services will be in Acacia Park Cemetery in Chicago.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society.

Norman Pierson

FORT WAYNE — Norman F. Pierson, 68, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Parkview Hospital.

He was a life underwriter for Lincoln National Life, retiring in 1995, and worked for Wild Birds Unlimited.

Mr. Pierson was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, Shoaff Park Lions Club and the National Audubon Society. He loved nature and birds.

He was born Dec. 4, 1935, in Jackson, Mich., to Kenneth and Eloise Pierson. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Judy; a daughter and son-in-law, Maureen and Jeffrey Zink of Grabill; a son, Edwin Pierson of Auburn; three grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Charles B. and Ruth Pierson of Berrien Springs, Mich.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, 10145 Maysville Road. Burial will be in Bowers Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church. A Lions Club service will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church or Polycystic Kidney Foundation.

Mildred Campbell-Herendeen

AVILLA — Mildred L. Campbell-Herendeen 84, of Avilla died at 8:05 p.m. Sunday, May 16, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Campbell-Herendeen was a homemaker and farmer. She retired from farming in 1988.

She moved to Avilla 17 years ago from Green Township near Albion.

She was a member of Harvest Community Church in Kendallville. She loved watching butterflies and birds and doing cross stitching, knitting and crocheting. She collected elephant items.

Mrs. Campbell-Herendeen was born Dec. 8, 1919, in Payne, Ohio, to Arthur and Flora Elizabeth (Foreman) Murphy. They are deceased. On June 12, 1937, in Albion, she married Lawrence Campbell. He died in 1984. She then married Lawrence Herendeen on Sept. 26, 1998, at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville. He died in 2000.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard Leigh and Nancy Campbell of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Terry Goser of Avilla; seven stepchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Mildred Murphy of Jackson, Mich.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, LeRoy Murphy, and a sister, Clara Overholser.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Rich Laskowski officiating. Burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harvest Community Church and Kendallville-LaGrange Hospice.

Jill Emerick

KENDALLVILLE — Jill N. Emerick, 32, of Kendallville died unexpectedly at 11:21 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Ms. Emerick

A lifetime area resident, she was a 1989 graduate of East Noble High School.

She was born June 18, 1971, in Kendallville to James Allen and Janet (Pant) Emerick. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Cody Allen Young and Cory James Hansbrough; a sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Terry DeLong of Avilla; two half sisters, Jo Jordan and Janet Branning; and a niece, Laura DeLong.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the future education of her sons.

Marjorie Frick

STURGIS, Mich. — Marjorie Ellen Frick, 84, of Sturgis died Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Frick resided in Sturgis since 1954, coming from Kendallville, Ind. She was a homemaker and attended Sturgis Wesleyan Church. She enjoyed fishing and flower and vegetable gardening.

She was born Feb. 10, 1920, in Noble County, Ind., to Walter and Sarah (Zumbrumn) Trowbridge. On April 21, 1940, she married Howard Paul Frick in Kendallville. He survives.

Also survivng are a daughter, Brenda Bull of Atwater, Calif.; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Duane and Jane Frick of Shipshewana, Ind., and Dean Frick of San Francisco, Calif.; three granddaughters, Cindy Arnold, Bethany Clopp and Christina Chapin, all of Texas; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sturgis Wesleyan Church with the Rev. Brian Poole officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Ind.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home of Sturgis.

Memorials are to the Sturgis Senior Center.

Russel Strouse

KENDALLVILLE — Russel J. "Bud" Strouse, 83, of Kendallville died Monday, May 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Strouse

Mr. Strouse was a lifetime Kendallville resident and was a self-employed building contractor for new construction and remodeling projects from 1955 until his retirement in 1998.

He was a member and past trustee of Trinity Church United Methodist and was a volunteer at the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville.

Mr. Strouse was a charter member of the Kendallville Police Reserves since 1962 and a member of the Emergency Management of Noble County.

He was born March 22, 1921, to William H. and Hazel (Gillespie) Strouse. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1940. On Sept. 25, 1943, he married Betty Lucille Strater. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Carson and Tawnya Strouse of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Neil Trim of Gibsonville, N.C.; a son-in-law, Michael Summers of Auburn; three sisters, Deloruse Young, Ruby Trowbridge and Betty Shanton, all of Kendallville; two sisters-in-law, Katherine Ligman and Phyllis Sprandel, both of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Nicole Summers of Auburn, Michelle Trim Wilsom of Chassell, Mich., Heather Kline of Kendallville, and Taylar Knox of Wawaka; four grandsons, Jeffery Summers of Kendallville, Robert Trim of Gibsonville, N.C., Skyler Strouse of Wawaka, and Nathan Terry of Wawaka; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Summers, and a brother, William Strouse.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friendship Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Evelyn Oaks

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn "Evie" F. Day Oaks, 89, of Fort Wayne has died.

She was born March 31, 1915, in Defiance, Ohio, to Elson C. and Leota Fay Sauvain Dey.

Mrs. Oaks was a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her nieces, Sharon R. Smith of Fort Wayne, Fay Kleber of Garrett, and Linda Stoffer and E. Joan Dey of Fort Wayne; two nephews, Richard D. Dey of Warsaw and Fredrick Dey of East Peoria, Ill.; and numerous cousins and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John W. Oaks, in 1990; her parents; and brothers Fred and DeWayne Dey.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Friday in Trinity Lutheran Church, 1636 St. Marys Ave., with pastor David Easterday officiating. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 Wells St.

Memorials are to Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Charles Burniston

GARRETT — Charles W. Burniston, 73, of Garrett died Monday, May 17, 2004, at his home.

Born in Auburn, he was a truck driver with AH Perfects and Brada Miller Freight, retiring in 1992.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett.

Surviving are one son, Bill, of Garrett; two daughters, Cathy Griffith of Garrett and Teri Phillips of Nebraska; three brothers, Ray Burniston of Garrett, Bob Burniston of Bluffton and Walter Burniston of Auburn; two sisters, Ilo Fankhauser of Fort Wayne and Dorothy Contadellucci of Auburn; 11 grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and four great-great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl R. and Margaret Burniston; his wife, M. Alice, whom he married Nov. 26, 1955; two brothers, Jim and Joe Burniston, and a sister, Mary Rottger.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb County Hospice or the First Church of Christ Ladies of the Church.

Stephen Kiplinger

MARYSVILLE, Ohio — Stephen Daniel Kiplinger, 96, of Marysville and formerly of Lewisville, Ind., died Sunday, May 16, 2004, at Heartland of Marysville.

Mr. Kiplinger was a Friends Church minister, evangelist and chalk artist for more than 50 years.

He served pulpits all over the United States and had retired from Broadway Christian Chapel in Cromwell, Ind.

He was a graduate of Cleveland Bible College, now Malone College, and had worked as a commercial artist, billboard designer, interior designer, cartoonist, woodworker and oil painter of portraits, still life and landscapes.

Prior to his clergy service, he had worked for Sinclair Refining Co. as a sign artist, painting the company's trademark green dinosaur logo by hand.

Mr. Kiplinger had served as a Bible scholar, counselor and children's vacation Bible school coordinator. He and his wife directed the Transient House in Cincinnati, a Salvation Army shelter for women and children.

He was a member of Wawasee Nazarene Church in Syracuse, Ind., the National Magicians Society and served as the Indiana region chaplain of the National Christian Motorcyclists Club.

Mr. Kiplinger enjoyed fishing, boating, reading and gardening.

He was born Dec. 3, 1907, in Lewisville to Benjamin Franklin and Argolda (Adams) Kiplinger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Alice Reece Kiplinger, in 1995.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Glenn Althouse of Marysville and Mary and Jim Clark of Frankton, Ind.; a son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Mary Eva Kiplinger of Frankton; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Lela Kiplinger of Woodland, Calif.; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Two brothers, Kilborne and Frank Kiplinger, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Underwood Funeral Home, 703 E. Fifth St., Marysville.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Lewisville Cemetery in Lewisville with the Rev. Glenn Althouse and the Rev. Michael Gillett officiating.

Memorials are to the church youth camp, Quaker Haven Camp, 111 EMS D16C Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Condolences may
online to www.u
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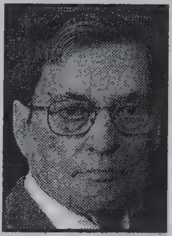
James Snodgrass

COLUMBIA CITY — James R. Snodgrass, 69, of Columbia City died at 6:20 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at his home.


Mr. Snodgrass

He had been in failing health the past year.

Mr. Snodgrass retired in 1996 from Northeastern REMC where he had been employed 40 years.

He was a member of Eagles Lodge 1906 and enjoyed gardening, yard work and growing flowers.

He was born Dec. 14, 1934, in Wolf Lake to Russell and Frances (Blanchard) Snodgrass. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1953. On Aug. 14, 1954, he married Virginia M. Krider. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Darl and Deborah Snodgrass of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Cindy and Lynn Bradtmueller and Deb Lock, all of Albion; a brother, Doyle Snodgrass of Florida; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Adams Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

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Lynette Walkner

APACHE JUNCTION, Ariz. — Lynette Ann Jaquay Walkner, 44, of Apache Junction died Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at the home of her mother in Scottsdale after a long battle with cancer.

She had lived in Kendallville, Ind., and attended school there.

She moved to Scottsdale when she was 13. She had been a beautician for Cost Cutters for 18 years.

She was born Dec. 1, 1959, in Angola, Ind. Her mother, Janet Jaquay, survives in Scottsdale. Her father, Don Jaquay, preceded her in death in 1971.

Also surviving are two daughter, Beth Ann and Diane Marie Walkner of Apache Junction; a friend, Patrick "Pecos" Schlecht of Apache Junction; and several aunts and uncles in the LaGrange, Ind., area.

There are no services. She donated her body to science.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville provided the information.

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BILL GISEL

Firefighters extinguish flames in a pickup truck that was hit by a train in downtown Waterloo this morning. The truck's driver, a Pleasant Lake man, died in the crash.

Man dies in train-pickup crash

BY BILL GISEL
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WATERLOO — A Pleasant Lake man died shortly before 6 a.m. today when his pickup truck was hit by a freight train and burst into flames, police said.

The fatal crash occurred in downtown Waterloo at the Wayne Street crossing of the Norfolk Southern railroad.

Waterloo Police were still investigating the crash this morning and had not released the driver's name. He was alone in the truck.

Police said the pickup truck was traveling southbound and was following several other vehicles that went around the crossing gates after a short westbound train cleared the crossing.

A witness on the south side of the crossing saw an approaching eastbound freight train and attempted to warn the driver of the pickup by blowing her car's horn. Her attempt failed, police said.

The pickup truck was carried east of the crossing, and came to rest near the intersection of Sheridan and VanVleek streets.

Waterloo firefighters responded and extinguished the fire.

All of the Waterloo rail crossings were closed after the crash and traffic was detoured to either C.R. 31 or C.R. 41, police said.

The fire left visible marks on the freight cars next to the pickup. Police said the track and ties will have to be inspected by the railroad before the set of tracks on the north side of the grade can be used.

The traffic fatality is the first in DeKalb County this year.

Russel Strouse

KENDALLVILLE — Russel J. "Bud" Strouse, 83, of Kendallville died Monday, May 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Strouse was a lifetime Kendallville resident and was a self-employed building contractor for new construction and remodeling projects from 1955 until his retirement in 1998.

He was a member and past trustee of Trinity Church United Methodist and was a volunteer at the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville.

Mr. Strouse was a charter member of the Kendallville Police Reserves since 1962 and a member of the Emergency Management of Noble County.

He was born March 22, 1921, to William H. and Hazel (Gillespie) Strouse. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1940. On Sept. 25, 1943, he married Betty Lucille Strater. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Carson and Tawnya Strouse of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Neil Trim of Gibsonville, N.C.; a son-in-law, Michael Summers of Auburn; three sisters, Deloruse Young, Ruby Trowbridge and Betty Shanton, all of Kendallville; two sisters-in-law, Katherine Ligman and Phyllis Sprandel, both of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Nicole Summers of Auburn, Michelle Trim Wilsom of Chassell, Mich., Heather Kline of Kendallville, and Taylar Knox of Wawaka; four grandsons, Jeffery Summers of Kendallville, Robert Trim of Gibsonville, N.C., Skyler Strouse of Wawaka, and Nathan Terry of Wawaka; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Summers, and a brother, William Strouse.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friendship Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent online to http://www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Craig Fuller

KENDALLVILLE — Craig Fuller, 34, of Kendallville died Monday, May 10, 2004, at his home. He was a brittle diabetic and had suffered a lengthy illness.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Fuller last worked for A-1 Production in Kendallville.

He was born September 5, 1969, in Kendallville to Willie and Adna (Terry) Fuller. They are deceased.

Surviving are four daughters, Jennifer Fuller, Brianna Fuller, Cassie Fuller and Danielle Fuller; a son, Brandon Will Fuller; a grandmother, Edna Fuller of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, Wesley and Jennifer Fuller of Kendallville; and three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Christina and Kevin Miller of Avilla, Donnie Lovely of Kendallville, and Margaret and Dennis Gibson of Kendallville.

Services were held Friday, May 14, 2004, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon with Elder Russell Hicks of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Memorials are to the family.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA

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Mildred Campbell-Herendeen

AVILLA – Mildred L. Campbell-Herendeen, 84, of Avilla died Sunday, May 16, 2004, at her residence in Avilla.

She was born December 8, 1919, in Payne, Ohio to Arthur and Flora Elizabeth (Foreman) Murphy. She lived in the area most of her life, moving to Avilla 17 years ago. Prior to that, she had lived in Green Township, rural Albion.

She was married to Lawrence Campbell on June 12, 1937, in Albion. He passed away in 1984. On September 26, 1998, she married Lawrence Herendeen at Harvest Community Church in Kendallville. Mr. Herendeen passed away in 2000.

Mrs. Herendeen had been a farmer and homemaker and retired from farming in 1988. She loved butterflies, birds, cross stitching, collecting elephant collectables, knitting and crocheting. She was a member of Harvest Community Church in Kendallville.

She is survived by one son and daughter-in-law, Richard Leigh and Nancy Campbell of Avilla; one daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Terry Gonser of Avilla; seven step-children; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Mildred Murphy of Jackson, MI.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother, LeRoy Murphy and a sister, Clara Overholser.

Jill Emerick

KENDALLVILLE — Jill N. Emerick, 32, of Kendallville died unexpectedly at 11:21 a.m. Saturday, May 15, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

A lifetime area resident, she was a 1989 graduate of East Noble High School.

She was born June 18, 1971, in Kendallville to James Allen and Janet (Pant) Emerick. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Cody Allen Young and Cory James Hansbrough; a sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Terry DeLong of Avilla; two half sisters, Jo Jordan and Janet Branning; and a niece, Laura DeLong.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the future education of her sons.

Services were held Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel with Pastor Rich Laskowski officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Harvest Community Church and Kendallville-LaGrange Hospice.

Eugene Trammel

FORT WAYNE – Eugene N. "Gene" Trammel, 69, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Parkview Hospital.

Born in Fort Wayne, Mr. Trammel was a machinist with B.F. Goodrich Co. for 25 years and a veteran of the Korean War. He enjoyed volleyball, fishing and wood carving.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia M. Herport-Trammel of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly J. Bailey of Auburn, and Becky J. and David F. Bockelman of Churubusco; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Daryl E. Trammel of Waterloo, and Brent R. and Trudy Trammel of Roanoke; a stepdaughter and her husband, Teresa A. and Rod Bullis of West Bend, WI; a stepson, David W. Herport of Albion; four sisters, Peggy Gordon of Coldwater, MI, Eileen Croghan of Orland, Myra Behrer of Fort Wayne, and Sharon Werling of Zanesville, Ohio; one brother, Jay Trammel of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held Monday, May 17, 2004, at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided to this newspaper and to add information.*

Richard Sickels

COLDWATER, Mich. — Richard D. Sickels, 71, of Coldwater, Mich., died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at the Community Health Center of Branch County in Coldwater.

Mr. Sickels was born April 28, 1933, in Bronson, Mich., to Claude Maurice and Emma Irene (Spade) Sickels. He married Ila M. Clearwater on Nov. 29, 1952, at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola. She survives.

He grew up in Steuben County. His mother died when he was 9 months old, and he was raised by his maternal grandparents, Emery and Gertrude Spade. He served in the U.S. Army from 1954-56. He worked at Voltek in Coldwater, and retired in 1996.

He was a 1951 graduate of Fremont High School. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking, fishing and photography.

Also surviving are two sons, Jeff Sickels and Rodney Sickels, both of Coldwater; a brother and sister-in-law, Durwood and Evelyn Sickels of Fremont; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorris and De Burl Smith of Angola; two half sisters and their husbands, Donna and Hal First of Hudson and Patricia and George Hanna of Bryan, Ohio; three grandsons; and a great-grandson.

Services were Saturday at Putnam Funeral Home, Coldwater, with Pastor Matt Sargent of the East Ovid United Brethren Church officiating.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Joel Houck

PLEASANT LAKE — Joel W. Houck Jr., 31, of Pleasant Lake died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, in Waterloo.

Mr. Houck was born on Oct. 21, 1972, in Coldwater, Mich., to Joel Sr. and Susan (Burkhart) Houck. He married Connie M. Baker on May 1, 1998, in Las Vegas. His parents survive in Sherwood, Mich., and his wife survives in Pleasant Lake.

Mr. Houck

He was employed as an electrician at Gerbers Electric in Woodburn. His hobbies included horseback riding, wrestling and chess. He was a Detroit Red Wings hockey fan. He was a graduate of Bronson High School, Bronson, Mich.

Also surviving are a son, Tristin Houck, at home; two sisters, Gina Horn and Shantel Sisinski, both of Sherwood; maternal grandmother, Ruth Burkhart of Yakima, Wash.; and paternal grandparents, Max and Elsie Houck of DeLeon Springs, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Earl Burkhart, and his grandmother, Wilma (Howald) Houck.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Donald E. Meyers officiating. Calling will be Friday from 5 to 8 p.m.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Grace Rader

TUCSON, Ariz. — Grace Jean Rader, 93, died May 12, 2004, at Peach Tree Care Center in Tucson, where she had been in failing health for several years.

She had been active in the Fort Wayne (Ind.) Civic Theater, where she enjoyed performing the works of Shakespeare. She was a graduate of Auburn (Ind.) High School in the class of 1928.

She was born May 5, 1911, in Auburn to Sam and Zoe Davenport.

Her husband of 30 years, Glen Rader, died March 19, 2004.

Surviving are a niece, Marilyn Saalfrank of Hoagland, Ind.; nephew Roger Davenport of Graff, Mo.; nine grandnieces and grandnephews; and great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Franklin A. Davenport.

Funeral arrangements are pending. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the donor's hospice of choice.

Arco Goller

HAMILTON — Arco M. Goller, 96, of Hamilton died Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Goller was born in Franklin Township, DeKalb County, in May 11, 1908, to Bessie (Stout) and Waldo M. Sattison. She married James Goller on Sept. 4, 1937, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death in April, 1986.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Jehovah Witnesses of Auburn. She also served as secretary of the Hamilton Grange.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne J. and Jacqueline Goller of Butler; a daughter, Carole Sue Forrester of Yuma, Ariz.; a brother, Delmar Sattison of Butler; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Vada Ridge of Stewart, Fla., and Phyllis and Ralph Farrington of Auburn; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, John Sattison.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with Pastor Chet Swearinger officiating. Calling will be today from 3 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Ney Cemetery, Ney, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Hamilton Fire Department.

Russell Spencer

HUDSON — Russell K. Spencer, 69, of rural Hudson died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Spencer was born in Albion on March 7, 1935, to Lonnie and Vina (Hoxie) Spencer. He married Carolyn Squier on Dec. 17, 1961, and she survives.

He worked at Squier Sawmill in Waterloo and Hudson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Also surviving is a brother, Gilbert Spencer of Angola.

He was preceded in death by a son, James K. Spencer in 1962, and a sister, Bertha Fry, in 1999.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Corunna Cemetery. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Russel Strouse

KENDALLVILLE — Russel J. "Bud" Strouse, 83, of Kendallville died Monday, May 17, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Strouse was a lifetime Kendallville resident and was a self-employed building contractor for new construction and remodeling projects from 1955 until his retirement in 1998. He was a member and past trustee of Trinity Church United Methodist and was a volunteer at the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville.

Mr. Strouse

Mr. Strouse was a charter member of the Kendallville Police Reserves since 1962 and a member of the Emergency Management of Noble County.

He was born March 22, 1921, to William H. and Hazel (Gillespie) Strouse. He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1940. On Sept. 25, 1943, he married Betty Lucille Strater. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Carson and Tawnya Strouse of Wawaka; a daughter and son-in-law, Jane and Neil Trim of Gibsonville, N.C.; a son-in-law, Michael Summers of Auburn; three sisters, Deloruse Young, Ruby Trowbridge and Betty Shanton, all of Kendallville; two sisters-in-law, Katherine Ligman and Phyllis Sprandel, both of Kendallville; four granddaughters, Nicole Summers of Auburn, Michelle Trim Wilsom of Chassell, Mich., Heather Kline of Kendallville, and Taylar Knox of Wawaka; four grandsons, Jeffery Summers of Kendallville, Robert Trim of Gibsonville, N.C., Skyler Strouse of Wawaka, and Nathan Terry of Wawaka; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cathy Summers, and a brother, William Strouse.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Friendship Food Pantry.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James DeBrular

BURKE, Va. — Interment services for James DeBrular, 88, of Burke and formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Fort Myers, Fla., will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Pastor Don Poyser will officiate.

The family will greet visitors at the grave site at 1 p.m.

Mr. DeBrular died Nov. 28, 2003, in Burke.

He was a native of Cromwell, Ind., and the son of Ellsworth and Nellie (Sparrow) DeBrular.

Among his survivors are his wife of 66 years, Edna (Beers) DeBrular of Burke; two daughters and sons-in-law, Naomi and Roger Foote of Winston-Salem, N.C., and Nancy and Fred Richardson of Falls Church; a son and daughter-in-law, James and Laura DeBrular of Fairfax, Va.; a brother and sister-in-law, John Thomas and Geraldine DeBrular of Cromwell; a sister-in-law Lela DeBrular of Milford, Ind.; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Alice Mynhier

ELKHART — Alice V. Mynhier, 80, of Elkhart died at 6:15 a.m. Wednesday, May 12, 2004, in Woodland Manor Nursing Home of Elkhart.

Mrs. Mynhier retired as a registered nurse. She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church and the Ligonier American Legion Post 243 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Mynhier

She enjoyed making pine needle baskets, needle work, sewing, RV traveling and wintering in Arizona.

Mrs. Mynhier was born July 10, 1923, in Whitley County to Irvin P. and Emma R. (Hissong) Bair. On Aug. 4, 1944, in Leesburg, she married Joseph Mynhier. He died in July 2001.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Terrance LaNouette of Elkhart; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Margaret Mynhier of Marietta, Ga., and Joseph and Vivian Mynhier of Zionsville; a brother, Arthur Bair of Upland; two sisters, Pauline Erdly and Kathern Brazzell, both of Ligonier; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with Pastor David Whitmore officiating. Private family burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

Frances Eshelman

LAGRANGE — Frances I. Eshelman, 92, of LaGrange died at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange where she had resided for two months.

Mrs. Eshelman

Mrs. Eshelman had been a resident of the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville for three year prior to moving to the LaGrange facility. She had lived in Wolcottville most of her life.

She was a nurses aide and had retired from Sturgis Hospital after 10 years of service.

Mrs. Eshelman was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, the Eastern Star, the White Shrine, and the Twentieth Century Club.

She was born April 22, 1912, in LaGrange County the daughter of Charles and Mabel (Gardener) Zook. On Dec. 9, 1931, in Bristol she married Clifford G. Eshelman. He died July 16, 1977.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mable and Quincy Eugene Combs of Peru and Cheryl Stevens of Albion; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Hans and Cindy Schmidt, Tracey and Jennifer Schmidt, Jason and Susan Stevens, Melody and Kirk Obst, Denise Taft, Michele and Keith Smith and Kristina Rabe; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Anna Mae Eshelman.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Doug Keenan of Berean Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home with an Eastern Star service at 5 p.m.

Memorials are to the Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

Nora Lyn Young

WATERLOO — Services for Nora Lyn Young will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Trinity Lutheran Church of Auburn. The Rev. Lloyd Bickel will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

She was stillborn Monday, May 10, 2004, at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Her parents, Jon and Mandy Young, survive in Waterloo.

Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery of rural Corunna.

Memorials are to the Trinity Lutheran Church Nursery.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements.

Edna Foster

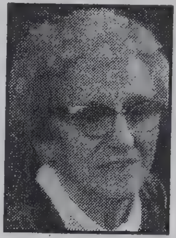
CORUNNA — Edna B. Foster, 72, of Corunna died today, Friday, May 21, 2004, at her DeKalb County home.

Among her survivors are her husband, Donald.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Mary Kimmel

ELKHART — Mary Elizabeth Kimmel, 97, of Elkhart died at noon Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at her residence in Hubbard Hills Estates.


Mrs. Kimmel

Mrs. Kimmel had moved to Hubbard Hills Estates in 1998 from Ohio. She had been the owner of Wilkins Market from 1937-1959 and had owned Shawnee IGA from 1959-1969.

She was a member of Shawnee United Methodist Church. She was an avid golfer, playing golf at Hawthorne Hills at Lima, Ohio, into her 80s.

Mrs. Kimmel was born June 6, 1906, in Allen County, Ohio, the daughter of John E. and Emma (Sherer) Wilkin. She graduated from South High School in Lima in 1925. In 1926, she married Donald E. Kimmel. He died June 2, 1985.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Kay Kimmel of Middlebury and Robert and Sue Kimmel of Aiken, S.C.; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Edward Eugene Kimmel in 1932; four sisters, Cora Umbaugh, Ota Nichols, Clara Ward and Pearl Copp; and a brother, Cloyd Wilkin.

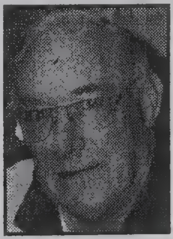
Services will be at 9 a.m. Ohio time at Siferd Funeral Home, 506 N. Cable Road, Lima, with the Rev. Brian King of Shawnee United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery in Lima.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shawnee United Methodist Church or the American Heart Association.

Carl Copen

GOSHEN — Carl E. Copen, 71, of Goshen died at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at his home.



Mr. Copen

Mr. Copen had lived in the Cromwell, Kimmell and Goshen area for 32 years, moving here from Charleston, W.Va.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Copen retired from Freudenburg NOK in Ligonier. Prior to that, he had worked for 17 years at Anderson Boling in Goshen.

He loved to fish and pitch horseshoes.

Mr. Copen was born Oct. 6, 1932, in Charleston the son of Idine and Eva L. (Hoover) Copen. On May 18, 1964, in Pearisburg, Va., he married Nancy Smith. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Annette Priestley of LaGrange and Carl "Mike" and Heather Copen of Millersburg; a sister, Janet Teel of Cromwell; six grandchildren; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sons and two brothers, James and Kenneth.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Home Health and Hospice.

LaDonna Wiseman

ORLAND — LaDonna M. Wiseman, 77, of Orland died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Valparaiso Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Mrs. Wiseman

She was a homemaker and partner in the family business, Wiseman Auto Parts in Orland. She was a member of the Orland American Legion Post No. 423 Auxiliary. She enjoyed reading, cooking and taking care of her family.

She was born Nov. 12, 1926, in Deshler, Ohio, to Frank and Mabel (Kauffman) Jones. On Jan. 16, 1946, she married Everett E. (Gene) Wiseman. Her husband survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Mike Clark of Orland; a daughter and her companion, Lynn Wiseman and Steve Foster of Angola; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Thomas E. and Kenneth E. Wiseman, both of Orland, and Larry W. and Cindy Wiseman of Howe; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Monna Jones of Auburn.

Five brothers and a sister preceded her in death.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Pastor Steve Brittenham officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland. Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Lila Schmuck

AVILLA — Lila M. Schmuck, 88, of Avilla died at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Schmuck was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She enjoyed doing crafts and loved music. She will be remembered as a very happy person.

Mrs. Schmuck was born Oct. 1, 1915, in Green Township in Noble County the daughter of George and Hazel (McCreary) Owen. On April 30, 1938, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion she married Carl S. Schmuck. He died June 29, 1982.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Myrtle and George Bohnenberger of Avilla and Irene Molargik of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Ted and Paul Owen; and a sister, Lavina Buckles Maulsby.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Memorials are to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Fund.

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Maude Weismeyer

HOWE — Maude M. Weismeyer, 92, of Howe died at 9:40 a.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in LaGrange.

Mrs. Weismeyer had been a secretary at Champion International Paper Co. in Hamilton, Ohio.

She was born July 12, 1911, in Shandon, Ohio, the daughter of Lorenca and Vida (Williamson) Morehouse. Her husband, Carl Weismeyer, preceded her in death.

Surviving are several nieces.

Services will be noon (Ohio time) Monday at the Charles Young Funeral Home in Ross, Ohio. Burial will be in New London Cemetery in Shandon.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home in Howe.

Memorials are to Lima United Methodist Church or the Congregational Church in Shandon.

James Berry

CROMWELL — James F. Berry, 77, died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at his residence. He formerly lived in Fort Wayne.

He was retired from the transformer section of General Electric Co. He was a member of the IUE-CWA AFLCIO Local 901 and was a past president of the Knapp Lake Association. He enjoyed fishing and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Dec. 21, 1926, in Fort Wayne to George and Matilda (Frantz) Berry. He married Ruth Berry Oct. 14, 1969, in Albion.

Surviving are his wife; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Susan and Jason Pitcher of Cromwell, Kathleen and Rex Daisey of Kernersville, N.C., Dr. Sally Berry of Trenton, N.J., and Saundra Berry of Atlanta, Ga.; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Marie Berry of Fort Wayne, Richard and Denise Berry of Atlanta, Ga., and Timothy Berry of San Diego, Calif.; one brother, William Berry; two sisters, Delores Handley of Gary and Estella Fett of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Berry

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard and George Berry.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco with the Rev. Mark Clough officiating. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Red Cross.

Edna Foster

CORUNNA — Edna B. Foster, 72, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at her residence in rural Corunna.

She was a homemaker.

She was born in Collins on Jan. 25, 1932, to Ervin and Goldie (McCoy) Addis.

On Oct. 17, 1970, in Angola, she married H. Donald Foster.

Mrs. Foster

Surviving are her husband; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Jessie and Sabrina Thompson of Wolf Lake, Robert and Eva Thompson of Columbia City, Deloren Thompson of Dunlap, Tenn., and LeRoy Thompson of Woodward, Okla.; one stepdaughter, Beverly Watts of Portsmouth, Ohio; two sisters, Eva Garwood of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Gladys Asa of Houston, Texas; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a brother, Wayne Addis, and one sister, Ruby Marshall.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

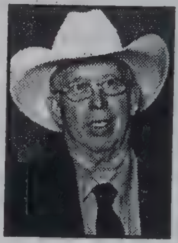
Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ned Kunsman

ANGOLA — Ned C. Kunsman, 69, Angola, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at home.

Mr. Kunsman was born Jan. 19, 1935, in Edon, Ohio, to Glen G. and Florence (Shepherd) Kunsman.

He married Mary H. Bolte on July 25, 1955, in Edon. She survives in Angola.


Mr. Kunsman

Mr. Kunsman retired from Dana-Weatherhead Division, Angola, in 1978. He formerly had a flea market business and NCK Enterprise. He was the current owner of Midwest Bolt & Tool.

He was a recent graduate of the Reppert School of Auctioneering. He was a 1953 graduate of Edon Northwest School. He enjoyed auctioneering, fishing, traveling, gardening and eating at restaurants.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons in-law, Frenche and Robert Salaiz of Angola, and Andre and Rob Dorsey of Fremont; two sisters, Joy Meeks of Edon, and Amy Keller of Angola; two brothers, Charles Kunsman of Bryan, Ohio, and Bill Kunsman of Edon; and two grandchildren, Tracey Renee Salaiz and Christopher David Salaiz.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Becky Lynn Kunsman; a brother, John Kunsman; and his parents.

Services will be held at a later date. Memorials are to the family.

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Anna Troyer

TOPEKA — Anna Mae Troyer, 85, died at 1:48 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital. She had been in declining health.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born July 27, 1918, in Sumner County, Kan., to Levi and Gertrude Yoder and moved to LaGrange County in her youth.

She married David C. Troyer Dec. 10, 1940. He died June 24, 1987.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Marietta and Reuben Bontrager of Ligonier, Sarah Yoder of Hicksville, Ohio, Carolyn and Edward Yoder of Garnett, Kan., and Vera Detwiler of Middlefield, Ohio; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Harley and Pat Troyer of Fort Lupton, Colo., David and Linda Troyer of Topeka, Mervin Troyer of LaGrange, Danny and Ruby Troyer of Shipshewana and Ray and Betty Troyer of Shipshewana; four sisters and their spouses, Edna and Orla Troyer of Topeka, Sara and Floyd Miller of Goshen, Mary and Alvin Miller of Goshen and Gertie and Orvil Christner of Wolcottville; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Sam and Lillian Yoder of Goshen, Alvin and Amanda Yoder of Goshen, bill and Joann Yoder of Goshen and Lee Yoder of Albuquerque, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; a sister, Polly Miller, and two sons-in-law, Noah Yoder and Mervin Detwiler.

Visitation is after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family home, 4140 W. C.R. 600S, Topeka, where the funeral service will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday with Bishop Samuel Herschberger and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

David Braun

MIAMI, Fla. — David Christian Braun Jr., 35, of Miami and formerly of St. Cloud, Fla., died Wednesday, May 19, 2004.

He was born on July 1, 1968, in Mishawaka and moved with his family to St. Cloud in 1977. He graduated from St. Cloud High School and attended Fort Hays State College, Hays, Kan. In 1991 he moved to Miami and has worked for several restaurants as a customer relations director. He was active in sports.

Mr. Braun is survived by his father, David Braun Sr. of St. Cloud; a sister, Lori Ann Scott of St. Cloud; a nephew, Timothy Scott of St. Cloud; an uncle, Pastor Jerry Stroh of Washington, N.C.; an aunt and uncle, Lois and Rudy Mende of Tucson, Ariz.; and an aunt, Patty Evans of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his mother, M. Kay Braun, who died in 1987.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at Fisk Funeral Home, St. Cloud. Mr. Braun will buried at Osceola Memory Gardens Cemetery, Kissimmee, Fla., next to his mother.

Louis Hersch

FREMONT — Louis C. Hersch, 80, formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Thursday, May 20, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

He retired in 1986 after 44 years at Peerless Molded Plastics in Toledo. He enjoyed fishing and music.

He was born March 18, 1924, in Toledo to Alfred and Anna (Nehls) Hersch.

Mr. Hersch married Genevieve B. Franklin on Aug. 9, 1947, in Toledo.

Surviving are his wife; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert and Nancy Hersch of Toledo and Jon Hersch of Angola; a sister, Marian Gillespie of Toledo; three grandchildren, Stephen Hersch, Keith Hersch and Karen Foor; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and Kenmore Hersch.

There are no services or calling. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola or St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

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Geraldine Griffin

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Geraldine Griffin, 84, died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette where she had been a patient one week.

She had worked in the produce department at Smitty's 14 years before retiring. She had lived in Lafayette since 1972, coming from Fort Wayne.

She was born May 5, 1920, in Battle Creek, Mich., to George and Olive Ridenour.

Surviving are four sisters, Maxine Collins and Pauline Graves, both of Auburn, Ida Mae Becker of Oregon and Peggy Ann LaCavaliar and her husband, Walter, of Albuquerque, N.M.; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Melvin and Carol Mae Ridenour and Ted and Joan Ridenour, all of Auburn, Vern and Barbara Ridenour of Butler, Bill and Melissa Ridenour of Garrett, and Edward Ridenour of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law Jean and Bob Howard of Hamilton; and a son, Jim Griffin of Arlington, Texas.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Jack Ridenour.

Services were held Friday in West Lafayette, and burial was in Johnson Cemetery. Arrangements were by Soller-Baker Funeral Homes.

Tracy Vece

MELROSE PARK, Ill. — Tracy (Varone) Vece of Melrose Park, Ill., died Friday, May 21, 2004.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Diane Vece of Auburn; a daughter, Pamela; two grandchildren, Joseph and James of Auburn; two brothers, James Varone and Dominick Varone; a sister, Mary Gallagher; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, a brother, John Varone, a sister-in-law, Christine Varone, and a brother-in-law, Tom Gallagher.

Services will be Monday, leaving at 10 a.m. from the Ed Prignano Funeral Home, 1815 W. North Ave., Melrose Park, to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, where Mass will be conducted at 10:30 a.m.

Entombment will be in Christ the King Garden Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Jill N. Emerick** were at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel officiating. Burial was at Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lonne Conley, Olaf Conley, Terry DeLong, Janice DeLong, Kim Hoover and Bob Bradley.

ALBION — Services for **Mildred L. Campbell-Herendeen** were at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Pastor Rich Laskowski officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers were Larry Evans, Doug Evans, Jeffery Campbell, Le Roy Campbell, Harold Campbell and Ralph Stadifield.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bud Strouse** were at 10 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery. Pallbearers were Carson Strouse, Skyler Strouse, Jeff Summers, Robert Trim, Arnold Knox, Bill Young and Steve Shanton.

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Nursing home founder left legacy of caring

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — Doris Betz Marshall, founder of Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, knew from an early age that her mission in life was to care for the aging.

"She was a self-made woman. She had a career that has touched thousands in DeKalb County," said Mike Gerig, whom Mrs. Marshall considered her favorite son-in-law.

Mrs. Marshall, 80, died on Mother's Day, May 9, 2004.

"Doris was most happy when she was at work," Gerig noted. Her home had a direct telephone line to the nursing home she began 50 years ago.

"She kept track of things even when she was down," said Judy Timmerman, R.N., who worked for Mrs. Marshall 19 years.

"Right up to the last weeks of her life, she was still giving us input," Timmerman said. "This was her love, in addition to her family."

Timmerman said Mrs. Marshall had a special interest in her employees, as well as those for whom she cared.

"She often gave people who maybe had had problems in the past an extra chance," she explained. "She was very compassionate."

Mrs. Marshall was 40 years old and pregnant with her fourth child when she attended nursing school, Timmerman recalled. "She was very focused, and goal-oriented. A very unique and caring individual."

Timmerman said her interest in the happiness of her residents extended to helping patients with special requests. "She would do everything humanly possible to meet those requests," she noted.

"I know everyone here feels it was a privilege to be a part of her life," she said.

"Few Auburn business people have done so much for so many and sought no special acclaim for their work," Gerig said. "All of us will hold a special memory of Doris, and are better people for having known her.

"(Her) legacy of caring lives on as her family continues to serve the residents of DeKalb County," Gerig said.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Doris Betz Marshall in the hallway of Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, which she founded a half-century ago.

Laura Knach

AVILLA — Laura Knach, 108, of Avilla, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Gerry Souder Jr.

AUBURN — Gerry R. Souder Jr., 88, of Auburn died Friday, May 21, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Souder owned and operated Souder Motors, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Moose Lodge 566 of Auburn and Eagles Lodge 388 of Garrett.

He was a past member of the Cedar Creek Golf Club.

He was born Jan. 8, 1916, in Auburn to Gerry R. Souder Sr. and Bertha (Barve) Souder.

He married Esther L. Drerup on Jan. 27, 1937, in Auburn. She died May 8, 2004.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John D. and Shirley Souder of Auburn, Thomas E. and Dianne Souder of Auburn, and Robert L. and Loretta Souder of Elkhart; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita Marie and Alfred LaPage of Plymouth, Mich.; a brother and his wife, Robert and Tressa Souder of Muncie; a sister-in-law, Katherine Souder of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a daughter, Esther Souder; a brother, Stewart Souder; and a sister, Georganna Winebrenner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. Father Charles Herman will officiate. Burial will be in Auburn Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Marjorie Bakker

BRONSON, Mich. — Marjorie J. Bakker, 50, of Bronson and formerly of Angola, died Friday, May 21, 2004, in Coldwater, Mich.

She was a pharmacist at the Angola Kmart before retiring due to medical reasons.

She was born March 11, 1954, in Fort Wayne to Fredrick and Joyce (Lane) Markiton.

She married Dennis Bakker, who survives.

Also surviving are her mother, Joyce Meek of Pleasant Lake; a son, Spencer Bakker of Bronson; and two sisters, Joy Howell and Kay Leas, both of Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Mount Zion Methodist Church in Pleasant Lake. The Rev. Susan Beckett will officiate. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Calling will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Spencer Bakker, care of Joyce Meek.

Weicht Funeral Home of Angola is handling arrangements.

Mary Seymoure

WOLF LAKE — Mary L. Seymoure, 94, a former resident of the Wolf Lake area, died at 10:33 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington, where she had been a resident since March 2002.

Mrs. Seymoure

She graduated from Wolf Lake High School and was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church.

She was born Aug. 26, 1909, in Noble County to Arden W. "Gid" and Anna Winebrenner.

On May 5, 1937, she married Harold R. "Jerry" Seymoure. They made their home in Columbia City and later moved to Thorncreek Township. They then returned to the Seymoure family farm south of Wolf Lake. Mr. Seymoure died April 13, 1985.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Roger A. and Connie Seymoure of Columbia City; a daughter, Ann Seymoure of Colorado Springs, Colo.; five grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were 11 brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The Rev. Jack Scott, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Columbia City United Methodist Church Building Fund or the Alzheimer's Association.

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Laura Knach

AVILLA — Laura H. Knach, 108, of Avilla died at 6:55 p.m. Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Knach

Mrs. Knach was a homemaker and farmer. She was employed at the St. James Restaurant for 19 years as a cook.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed quilting, cooking, baking cookies, playing cards, attending church and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Knach was born Dec. 12, 1895, in Avilla to Henry and Anne (Reimer) Teders. On May 31, 1930, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, she married Frank Knach. He died Dec. 9, 1949.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Betty Knach of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, LaVera and Don McCoy of Avilla; nine grandchildren, Randy Knach, Brenda Conley, Linda Gray, David McCoy, Kevin McCoy, LeAnn Robinson, Mark McCoy, Lynette Kanning and Lori Stout; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were six brothers, four sisters, and two great-grandsons.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin and Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial will be in Ege Cemetery at Ege.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla or Masses to the church.

Noble County's oldest citizen dies at 108

AVILLA — Noble County's oldest living resident has died.

Mrs. Knach

Laura H. Knach, 108, died Saturday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

She was a homemaker, farmer and a cook at St. James Restaraunt for 19 years.

Mrs. Knach was born Dec. 12, 1895, in Avilla to Henry Teders and Anne (Reimer) Teders. On May 31, 1930, she married Frank Knach. He died Dec. 9, 1949.

A complete obituary for Mrs. Knach can be found on Page A6.

Nancy Frain

AUBURN — Nancy D. Frain, 77, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at 4:33 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mrs. Frain worked on the paint line at Electric Motors & Specialties Inc. in Garrett from February 1964 until her retirement in 1991.

She had lived in Garrett from 1966 until 1991, before moving to Auburn.

Born Sept. 30, 1926, in LaGrange, she was the daughter of George H. and Mary A. (Leguire) Randol.

Surviving are five daughters, Barbara A. McBride of Kendallville, Peggy Miller of Garrett, Cindy Bailey and Bonnie Huffman, both of Auburn, and Sandy Crager of Hueysville, Ky.; a brother, Raymond Randol of Garrett; a stepbrother, Michael Rodman of Kendallville; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her ex-husband Rex Frain; a brother, Amos Randol; a sister, Kathryn Swonger; and a granddaughter, Tammy Koble.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Osborn Cemetery of LaGrange.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Cancer Society or Alliance Industries (Wee Haven Workshop).

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net

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Bruce Beebe

CHURUBUSCO — Bruce G. Beebe, 70, of Churubusco died at 9:40 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beebe retired from North American Van Lines where he drove a truck for 25 years. He then worked in the home office for 14 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He was a member of Elks Lodge 499 in Fort Wayne, Gilbert Davis American Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and VFW Post 3846 of Churubusco.

Mr. Beebe enjoyed golf, cooking, hunting and spending time at the 33 Club.

He was born April 21, 1934, in Peoria, Ill., to Elmer Sr. and Georgia (Parker) Beebe Sr. On July 11, 1999, in Columbia City, he married Mary Beebe. She survives.

Mr. Beebe

Also surviving are six daughters, Annie, Brenda, Pamela, Sara, Teresa and Tina; two stepdaughters, Lisa and Shelley; two sons, Bruce Jr. and Craig Beebe; a brother, Ronald; several grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, a half brother, a sister and two half sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating. Military graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Floral Lawn Cemetery in Battle Creek, Mich.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Mary Beebe.

Lois Short

MIDDLEBURY — Lois L. Short, 75, of Middlebury died at 4:05 a.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Short was a homemaker and licensed practical nurse and lived in Middlebury three weeks.

She was a member of Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker, Ohio.

She was born Jan. 6, 1929, in Pettisville, Ohio, to Charles L. and Bessie (Frey) Miller. On July 7, 1949, at West Clinton Mennonite Church in Pettisville, she married Marvin D. Short. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Beverly Short of Middlebury; six daughters, including Renee and Gary Black of Sturgis, Mich.; two sisters; five brothers, including Glen and Marilyn Miller of Goshen; 18 grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, a stillborn child, and five stillborn grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Indiana time Wednesday at Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker with the Rev. Allen Rutter of Lockport Mennonite Church officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. at Lockport Cemetery in Stryker.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

Memorials to Lockport Mennonite Church, Gideons International, Mennonite Missions or the Mennonite Central Committee.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Sierra

FORT WAYNE — Richard D. "Rick" Sierra, 51, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis while awaiting a liver transplant.

Mr. Sierra

Mr. Sierra, a Fort Wayne native, was a painter for 30 years and a member of the Painters Local Union 469.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of American Legion Post 82. He was an avid fisherman and golfer and enjoyed playing the harmonica.

Surviving are his father, Joseph Sierra of Orland; his mother, Betty Elder of Fort Wayne; his wife, Tammy (Berkes) Sierra; a son, Joseph Sierra, at home; a brother, John Sierra; a sister, Stacey Elder of Fort Wayne; several uncles and aunts; and his fishing buddies, Deb and Mark Lahmeyer of Coral Springs, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; several uncles and an aunt.

Calling will be from 2-8:30 p.m. Thursday at his wife's family home, the Johnson Strawberry Farm, 2283 S. U.S. 33. A military honor guard service is at 4 p.m. and a ministerial service is at 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the Sierra family at 2283 S. U.S. 33, Albion, IN 46701.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society in Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Junis Steele

LIGONIER — Junis T. Steele, 81, of Ligonier died at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Steele was a coal miner in Virginia and retired from All-Metal in Ligonier.

He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church of Ligonier and the United Mine Workers.

He enjoyed bird watching and whittling.

Mr. Steele was born April 8, 1923, in Norton, Va., to Ben and Venie (Wells) Steele. On May 3, 1947, in Norton, Va., he married Helen Brickey. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Steele of Ligonier; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas and Rita Steele of Kimmell, Glenn and Flo Steele of Ligonier, Gary Steele of Ligonier, Randy Steele and Ligonier, and Kevin Steele of Ligonier; two sisters, Carrie Belle Reed of Baltimore, Md., and Ethel Steele of Norton; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Apostolic Faith Church of Ligonier, 317 Pigeon St., with the Rev. Joseph Brickey and Benny Archer officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Apostolic Faith Church.

Dallas Shanks

FORT WAYNE — Dallas O. Shanks, 50, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. Shanks was born Dec. 8, 1953, in Richmond, Ky. His mother, Anna King, survives in Fort Wayne, and his father, Harold Shanks, survives in Richmond.

Also surviving are his wife, Jesse Shanks of Fort Wayne; a son, Dallas M. Hakey of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Sheena Hakey of Fort Wayne; a brother, Michael Shanks of Richmond; two sisters, Deanna Logan and Michelle Rowe, both of Kendallville; several stepbrothers and stepsisters; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Daryl Shanks; a sister, Judy Hart; and stepfathers, Dewan Kilburn and Bob King.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Huntertown.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Keith Mast

ST. JOE — Keith R. Mast 73, died Sunday morning, May 23, 2004, at his home in St. Joe.

Mr. Mast was retired from Renner's Express, where he worked as a diesel mechanic He was a member of the Teamsters Union, Butler Eagles and the Model A Car Club.

He loved to hunt, fish and camp with his family.

He was born Aug. 10, 1930, in Fort Wayne to Meldo and Lena (Kingseed) Mast. His parents preceded him in death.

He married Jeanette Pettit on Dec. 1, 1972, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons, Larry Mast, Brian Mast and Kenny Stout of Fort Wayne, Charles Stout of Minnesota and John Stout of Tennessee; five daughters, Janet Mast of Arkansas, Gayle Mast of Fort Wayne, Marsha Doctor of Hoagland and Cindy Zook and Debbie Cauley, both of Butler; 15 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Evelyn Brunnegraff of Fort Wayne.

A son, Robert Mast, preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home at Spencerville Pastor John Erwin will officiate. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Arthur Subkowski

ANGOLA — Arthur E. Subkowski, 89, of Angola, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Subkowski was born in Fort Wayne on July 7, 1914. He retired from Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne in 1974.

Surviving are a daughter, Pat Marsh of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Thomas Richard Christie, Kimberly Hartman and Joseph Richard Christie; and eight stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Pauline; his second wife, Gladys, and a brother.

Services will be 3 p.m, Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be from 1 p.m. until the time of the service on Tuesday.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Phillip Naylor

MARGATE, Fla. — Phillip Gene Naylor, 54, of Margate and formerly of LaGrange, Ind., died Friday, May 21, 2004.

Mr. Naylor is survived by his wife, Adriana E. Naylor, a son, Scott David Naylor and a daughter, Jessica Carrie Naylor, all of Margate; his parents, Clarence and Charlene Naylor of LaGrange; a brother, John Wayne Naylor of LaGrange; his father-in-law and mother-in-law in Pompano Beach, Fla.; and many relatives in New York.

Services were today at AAA Baird-Case Broward Memorial Funeral Home, 4701 N. S.R. 7, Tamarac, Fla. 33319.

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Robert Fulk

KENDALLVILLE — Robert N. Fulk, 85, of Kendallville and formerly of Churubusco died at 1:05 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004. He had been in declining health and under the care of Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Mr. Fulk

Mr. Fulk retired from McClure Implement in 1979 as a welder. He had also worked for Simington Wayne Corp. in Fort Wayne and Monsanto in Ligonier.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, earning the Bronze Star, European African Middle East Ribbon with one Battle Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

Mr. Fulk was born Sept. 22, 1918, in Whitley County to Oscar O. and Etta Elizabeth (Rowland) Fulk. On July 10, 1945, he married Anna Bell Rider. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Joy C. and Tom Rose of Albion and Connie L. and Ronald Castor of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Teresa Fulk of High Lake near Albion; four sisters and a brother-in-law, Evelyn Shroyer of Avilla, Eldora McCoy of Albion, Gertrude Fulk of Albion and Laurel and Bob Wilson of Uniondale; eight grandchildren, Brandon Fulk, Rochelle Widman, Nicole Griffis, Stephanie Rose, Travis Fulk, Chad Fulk, Nathan Caster and Miranda Heitz; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Dan, Carl, Howard, Guy and Jesse Fulk; an infant sister, Sara Fulk; and a great-granddaughter, Tiffany Fulk.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Daniel Carlson officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with full military rites by the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or the Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Lois Bair

COLUMBIA CITY — Lois P. Bair, 81, of Columbia City died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Funeral services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Betty Nesbitt

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. Nesbitt, 79, of Kendallville died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Louise Hines

SHERIDAN — Louise M. Hines, 88, of Sheridan died Sunday, May 23, 2004, in Noblesville.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary L. Godby of S&S Travel Inc. in Kendallville.

Funeral services and burial will be in Sheridan Wednesday.

Mildred Harrison

ALBION — Mildred Ann Harrison, 65, of Albion died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at the home of her son.

Mrs. Harrison had resided in Whitley County until moving to Noble County in 2001. She retired in 1992 from Hardee's Restaurant after five years of service.

She was a member of the Eagles Lodge and New Hope Wesleyan Church.

She was born Nov. 10, 1938, in Columbia City to Homer and Mabel (Brown) Hursey. On Nov. 22, 1933, in Whitley County, she married Cecil J. Harrison. He died Oct. 12, 1991.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil and Kathy Harrison of Albion and Shannon and Kathy Harrison of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Malana and Steve Alvey of Columbia City and Shawn Foster and her fiancé, Ted Collins, of Columbia City; a half brother and his wife, James and Ida Mae Staples of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three daughter, Debbie, Karan and Sherry Harrison; two sisters, Sharon Harrison and Juanita Jackson; a granddaughter, Christina Farber; and a great-granddaughter, Becca Farber.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Richard officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Thorn Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling will be from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home.

Wilma Waltz

WOLCOTTVILLE — Wilma E. Waltz, 83, of Wolcottville died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Waltz had been a nurses' aide at Branch County Hospital in Coldwater, Mich. She had moved to LaGrange County in 1997 from Sturgis, Mich.

She attended Lakeview Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Mrs. Waltz was born Dec. 3, 1920, in Coldwater to William H. and Hazel B. (Stratton) Leaf. She was raised by an aunt and uncles, Lodema Sutton, Harmon Sutton and Robert Sutton. On March 26, 1938, in Fremont, she married Sanford E. Waltz Jr. He died May 8, 1979.

Surviving are a daughter, Sue A. Waltz of Wolcottville; three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Linda Waltz of Leonidas, Mich., Sanford and LaShelle Waltz of Coldwater and Rick and Kathy Waltz of Union City, Mich.; a sister, Margaret Lamberson of Sturgis; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Emerald Joe Miller officiating. Burial will be in East Hill Cemetery in Osseo, Mich.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Wava Burkhalter

FORT WAYNE — Wava L. Burkhalter, 71, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at her home in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Waterloo and was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, Billy D. Burkholder; a daughter, Jacquline J. Holycross of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; brothers Clyde E. McEntarfer of Ashley and Henry McEntarfer of Texas; and sisters Cora M. McClosky of Fort Wayne, Betty J. Garcia of California, Sylvia Fitch of Lake Placid, Fla., and Marjorie Glyshaw of Bellaire, Mich.

Preceding her in death were a son, Jimmie D. Burkhalter, and several brothers and sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Vivian Cobler

FREMONT — Vivian M. Cobler of Jimmerson Lake died Monday, May 24, 2004, at her home.

Arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Brady Widman

FORT WAYNE — Brady Charles Widman, 3 months old, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, George and Natta Widman; a sister, Rebecca; a brother, Brock; a paternal grandmother and her spouse, Sheri and Ernest Foster of Spencerville; maternal grandparents Pairoj and Somsri Narkviroj of Island Lake, Ill.; paternal grandfather Gary Widman of Niles, Mich.; paternal great-grandmother Evelyn Klingerman of Buchanan, Mich.; and uncles Daniel and Kevin Narkviroj, both of Illinois.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Concordia Cemetery Gardens.

Additional calling will be from 6 to 9 tonight at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Margaret Allen

ANGOLA — Margaret J. "Peggy" Allen, 68, died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Allen was born Aug. 16, 1935, in Angola, to James I. and Grace E. (Kennedy) Williamson. She was a realtor for Coldwell Banker in Angola and a lifetime Angola resident.

She was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, Delta Gamma Sorority and was a former member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Angola.

Surviving are a daughter, Jennifer Phillips of Angola; a brother, Ken H. Williamson of Fairfax, Va.; a sister, Jean Greenway of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Zachary and Robert Phillips.

Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Friday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling is Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

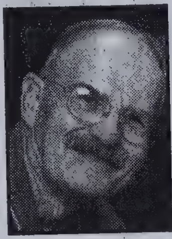
Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church or the Steuben County Cancer Society.

Dale Hull

CHURUBUSCO — Dale W. "Whippet" Hull, 71, of Churubusco died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been a patient two weeks.

Mr. Hull retired in 1988 after 30 years of service at Navistar in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of several car clubs including WORK, AACA and VMCCA. He owned an antique horse-drawn hearse that he enjoyed taking to Stone's Trace at Ligonier. He enjoyed going to car shows and spending time with his family.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Preceding him in death were a son, Randall Hull, on Oct. 5, 2003; a brother, Howard Hull, in 1987; and a sister, Mary Craig, in 1998.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Ann Lantz officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to the donor's choice or the Willys Overland Knight Registry.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Jaylyn Yoder

GOSHEN — Jaylyn Dale Yoder, 3, of Goshen died at 6:40 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in a traffic accident May 17.

He was born March 20, 2001, in Topeka to Ammon Eugene and Irma (Yoder) Yoder. They survive.

Also surviving are a brother, Jeryl Dean Yoder, at home; his grandparents, Richard and Mary Esther Yoder of Goshen and Samuel and Esther Yoder of Topeka; his great-grandparents, Perry and Edna Yoder of Bloomfield, Iowa, Barbara Yoder of Goshen and John and Elizabeth Knepp of Shipshewana; two cousins, Michelle and Jared Schwartz of Middlebury; four aunts; and five uncles.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the LaVern Nissley residence at 2735 S. C.R. 1200W, Goshen, with Bishop Perry S. Miller and home ministers from the Old Order Amish Church officiating. Burial will be at Southeast Clinton Cemetery at Millersburg.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the Glen Eash residence at 10855 C.R. 32, Goshen.

William Schafer

FORT WAYNE — William Charles "Bill" Schafer, 85, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, April 10, 2004, at Liberty Village East in Muncie.

Mr. Schafer was born Feb. 24, 1919, in Fort Wayne, to Charles F. and Blanche Mae (Davison) Schafer.

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He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Thelma Marie (Momper) Schafer, a brother, Richard, and a sister, Ada Jane Schafer.

Calling with the family will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at the Fort Wayne Historical Museum, 302 E. Berry St., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association of Greater Indiana, 9135 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis IN 46260 or Save the Lakes Program, Crooked Lake, Steuben County Lakes Council, 207 S. Wayne St., Suite B, Angola IN 46703.

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Mary Freck

KENDALLVILLE — Mary "Meg" (Rodenbeck) Freck, 82, of Kendallville died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Freck

Mrs. Freck formerly lived in Huntertown and Fort Myers, Fla. She was the postmaster in Huntertown, retiring in 1984 after 30 years of service.

She was a member of the Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star, the National Association of Postmasters and the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

She was born Feb. 6, 1922, in Willard, Ohio, to Dale and Velma Gamble.

On June 1, 1940, she married Henry Rodenbeck Jr. He preceded her in death May 12, 1965.

She married Loren "Steve" Freck on Dec. 28, 1976. He preceded her in death June 2, 1986.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce and Merle Young of Hillsdale, Mich.; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Gail Rodenbeck of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Tom and Becky Freck of Nashville, Tenn.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Nancy and Frank Huber of Indianapolis; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Barb La Vergne of South Whitley; a brother-in-law, James Foreman of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren, four stepgrandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and seven stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Dick Gamble and Joe La Vergne; two sisters, Beverly Le Pine and Phyllis Foreman; and a great-grandson, Matthew Belson.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Huntertown United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery of Huntertown.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Huntertown United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health and Hospice of Kendallville.

Vivian Cobler

ST. JOE — Vivian M. Cobler, 90, died Monday, May 24, 2004, at her cottage on Jimmerson Lake in Steuben County.

Mrs. Cobler

Mrs. Cobler was a homemaker for most of her life and worked at Essex Corp. for eight years, retiring in 1980. She was a 1932 graduate of St. Joe High School.

She loved the time she spent at work, with her grandchildren and at her lake cottage.

She was born Feb. 14, 1914, in Concord Township, near St. Joe, to Charley and Catherine (Kees) Murphy. They preceded her in death.

She married Ray C. Cobler on Sept. 21, 1940, in St. Joe. He died Sept. 27, 1994.

Surviving are a son, John Cobler of St. Joe; a daughter, Catherine Armstrong of Auburn; five grandchildren, Kim Handshoe, Sheila Surfus, Todd Armstrong, Cindy Weight and Joann Hinchman; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Lois Grimm and Bertha Mildred Hoock.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be tonight from 6 to 8 at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeast Indiana Kidney Foundation or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Betty Nesbitt

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. Nesbitt, 79, of Kendallville died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Nesbitt

Mrs. Nesbitt was a resident of the Lamplighter and was a homemaker. She lived in Warsaw and Nappanee before moving to Kendallville.

She was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Nappanee and the VFW Auxiliary of Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nesbitt was born March 17, 1925, in Warsaw to Raymond and Latha (Mason) Zimmer. Her first husband, Ralph Hollar, died April 23, 1989. She married her second husband, Norbert G. Nesbitt, on Dec. 5, 1956, in Angola. He died May 16, 1980.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Jan Hollar of Nappanee, Mike and Donita Hollar of Nappanee and Paul and Lisa Nesbitt of Rome City; five daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and John Moor of Fort Wayne, Nancy and Rick Amstutz of Kendallville, Deb and Ron Frick of Kendallville, Cindy and Chuck Roberts of Fort Wayne and Tonya and Rex Fulk of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Lucy Weirick and Jim and Pat Weirick, all of Warsaw; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Bernie Leek of Warsaw, Carolyn Blake of Pierceton and Sandy and Rick Hollingsworth of North Webster; 20 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Raymond "Butch" Hollar and a granddaughter, Dawn Marie Hollar.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Glenn Hostetler

MIDDLEBURY — Glenn G. Hostetler, 29, of Middlebury was found dead at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Hostetler

Mr. Hostetler lived most of his life in the Middlebury area and was an electrician for Eretz Electric in Middlebury.

He was a 1994 graduate of Northridge High School and a former member of the Sons of the American Legion in Middlebury. He was an artist and loved music and spending time outdoors.

He was born May 20, 1975, at the Subic Bay Naval Base in the Philippines. His father and stepmother, Charles C. and Patricia Hostetler, survive in Middlebury. His mother and stepfather, Evelyn (Sermonia) and Keith Burkitt, survive in Dearborn, Mich.

Also surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jane and Paul Roumell of South Bend; and his grandparents, Charles C. and Judy Hostetler II of Deltona, Fla., Genevieve Couch of Gaylesville, Ala., and Romulo and Perla Sermonia of Los Angeles, Calif.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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Lois Bair

ALBION — Lois P. Bair, 81, of Albion died at 8:25 a.m. Monday, May 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Mrs. Bair lived in York Township since 1946 and was a homemaker. She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church in Kimmell.

She enjoyed reading, doing beadwork and crocheting.

Mrs. Bair was born May 5, 1923, in Mandale, Ohio, to John and Pauline (Scott) Richardson. On July 21, 1943, in the Kimmell United Methodist Church parsonage, she married Howard F. Bair. He died Feb. 20, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Richard Bair of Orlando, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Frances and Curtis Gillam of Albion, Paula Wade of Albion, and Martha and Jim Gillam of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Meeks of Oakwood, Ohio; two grandchildren, Megan Adair and Aaron Wade; and three great-grandchildren, Austin Wade, Jace Wade and Wade Adair.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Kimmell United Methodist Church in Kimmell with the Rev. Rachel Bales-Case and the Rev. Dan Wolcott officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to Central Noble Food Pantry or the Noble County SeniorPak.

Howard Dawson

CHESTERTON — Howard H. Dawson, 91, of Chesterton died Monday, May 24, 2004, at the Waters of Duneland Health Care Center in Chesterton.

Mr. Dawson had retired in 1977 as a steel worker at Inland Steel.

He was a member of Porter United Methodist Church and the Valparaiso Moose Lodge. He enjoyed bowling, singing and dancing.

Mr. Dawson was born Sept. 11, 1912, in Raceland, La., to John and Goldie (Hill) Dawson. On Jan. 30, 1937, in Michigan City, he married Ethel D. Stark. She died Oct. 15, 1991.

Surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sandra and Chuck Allmon of Chesterton, Eileen Parr of Kendallville, Linda and Joe Martinic of Socorro, N.M., and Kathleen and James Thomas of Yakima, Wash.; and six grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene and Emerson; and a sister, Inza Klein.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, 517 Broadway, Chesterton, with the Rev. Rick Henderson and the Rev. Edward Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Chesterton Cemetery in Chesterton.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Porter United Methodist Church or the Waters of Duneland Health Care Center.

Mary Hagan

FORT WAYNE — Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Hagan, 82, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Renaissance Village Nursing Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hagan was a homemaker and a member of Orchard Ridge Country Club.

She was born Feb. 14, 1922, in Garrett to Edward B. and Lucy (Wynns) Henslee.

Surviving are her husband, John R. "Jack" Hagan; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Chris and Neil Nagel of Fort Wayne, Lucy Hagan, Liz Hagan and Molly Hagan and Todd Kimsey, all of Los Angeles; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Joe and Nancy Hagan of Shoreview, Minn., Pat and Frances Hagan of White Bear Lake, Minn., and Edward Hagan of Waco, Texas; and four grandchildren, Molly and Patrick Nagel, Colleen Hagan and John Hagan.

Preceding her in death were her parents and three brothers, Ned, Martin and Patrick Henslee.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday with a rosary service at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Renaissance Village Nursing Home, 6050 S 800E, Fort Wayne.

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Robert Fulk

KENDALLVILLE – Robert N. Fulk, 85, a resident of Kendallville since 2000, died Sunday, May 23, 2004, surrounded by his loving family. He had been in declining health for months and under the loving care of Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Robert was born September 22, 1918, in Smith Township, Whitley County around Collins and moving to Green Township as a child.

He then lived in Churubusco after being united in marriage to Anna Bell Rider on July 10, 1945. The would have celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary this July. Mr. Fulk was born the son of Oscar O. and Etta Elizabeth (Rowland) Fulk. He gratefully served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII, earning the Bronze Star medal, European African Middle East Ribbon with one Battle Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He retired from McClure Implement in Kendallville in 1979 as a welder and has also worked for Simington Wayne Corp. in Fort Wayne and Monsanto, in Ligonier.

The surviving relatives include his wife; two daughters, Joy C. (Tom) Rose of Albion, Connie L. (Ronald) Castor of Kendallville; a son, Steven (Theresa) of (High Lake) Albion; four sisters, Evelyn Shroyer of Avilla, Eldora McCoy of Albion, Gertrude Fulk of Albion, Laurel (Bob) Wilson of Uniondale, IN; eight grandchildren, Brandon S. Fulk, Rochelle Widman, Nicole Griffis, Stephanie Rose, Travis Fulk, Chad Fulk, Nathan Caster, and Miranda Heitz; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Dan Fulk, Carl Fulk, Howard Fulk, Guy Fulk and Jesse Fulk; infant sister, Sara Fulk; and great-granddaughter, Tiffany Fulk.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sheets and Childs Funeral Home with Pastor Daniel Carlson officiating. Burial will follow in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam, with full military graveside rites conducted by the Kendallville VFW Post #2749.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday in the funeral home from 2 to 8 p.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or The Wolf Lake Baptist Church.

Lila Schmuck

AVILLA – Lila M. Schmuck, 88, of Avilla died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Schmuck was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. She enjoyed doing crafts and loved music. She will be remembered as a very happy person.

Mrs. Schmuck was born October 1, 1915, in Green Township in Noble County the daughter of George and Hazel (McCreary) Owen. On April 30, 1938, in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion she married Carl S. Schmuck. He died June 29, 1982.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Myrtle and George Bohnenberger of Avilla and Irene Molargik of Garrett; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Ted and Paul Owen; and a sister, Lavina Buckles Maulsby.

Services were held Saturday, May 22, 2004 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Avilla Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to the Immanuel Lutheran Church Organ Fund.

Edna Foster

CORUNNA – Edna B. Foster, 72, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at her residence in rural Corunna.

She was a homemaker.

She was born in Collins on January 25, 1932, to Ervin and Goldie (McCoy) Addis.

On October 17, 1970, in Angola, she married H. Donald Foster.

Surviving are her husband; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Jessie and Sabrina Thompson of Wolf Lake, Robert and Eva Thompson of Columbia City, Deloren Thompson of Dunlap, TN, and LeRoy Thompson of Woodward, OK; one stepdaughter, Beverly Watts of Portsmouth, Ohio; two sisters, Eva Garwood of Fort Pierce, FL, and Gladys Asa of Houston, TX; 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Wayne Addis, and one sister, Ruby Marshall.

Services were held Monday, May 24, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

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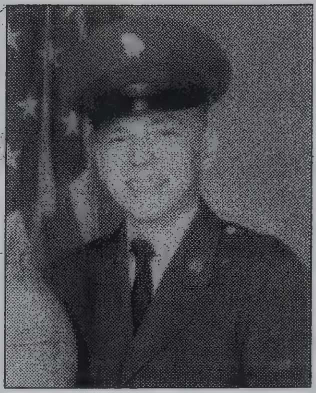

Richard Sierra

FORT WAYNE – Richard "Rick" D. Sierra, 51, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Indianapolis after a valiant fight waiting for a liver transplant.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the son of Joseph Sierra of Orland and Betty Elder of Fort Wayne, both surviving. Rick was a painter for 30 years and a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. Rick was an avid fisherman, enthusiastic golfer, and had a persistence to conquer the harmonica. He was a member of American Legion Post 82 and Painters Local Union 469.

Surviving are his wife of 21 years, Tammy (Berkes); son, Joseph R. Sierra, both at home, in Fort Wayne; brother, John J. Sierra; and sister, Stacey M. Elder of Fort Wayne; uncles, Dan (Phyllis) Parisot of Auburn, Ron (Sandy) Parisot of Churubusco, Max (Betty) Sierra of Texas; aunt, Margaret (Bob) Armstrong of Texas; nieces, Bianca and Allyse Sierra of Fort Wayne; and his fishing buddies, Deb and Mark Lahmeyer of Coral Springs, FL.

He was preceded in death by uncles, John Sierra of Texas, David L. Parisot of Fort Wayne; uncle and aunt, Jack and Barb Parisot of Churubusco; grandparents, I.G. and Shirley Sierra of Fort Wayne, Clarence and Edith Parisot of Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at Tammy's home place, Johnson's Strawberry Farm Home, 2283 S. U.S. 33, 10 miles north of Churubusco, (1-800-779-7670).

Military Honor Guard service is 4 p.m. and ministerial service is 6 p.m. at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sierra family at 2283 S. U.S. 33, Albion, IN 46701.

Arrangements by Northeast Indiana Cremation Society, Fort Wayne.

Laura Knach

AVILLA – Laura H. Knach, 108, of Avilla died Saturday, May 22, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Knach was a homemaker and farmer. She was employed at the St. James Restaurant for 19 years as a cook.

She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Rosary Sodality. She enjoyed quilting, cooking, baking cookies, playing cards, attending church and spending time with her family.

Mrs. Knach was born December 12, 1895, in Avilla to Henry and Anne (Reimer) Teders. On May 31, 1930, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, she married Frank Knach. He died December 9, 1949.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Betty Knach of Rome City; a daughter and son-in-law, LaVera and Don McCoy of Avilla; nine grandchildren, Randy Knach, Brenda Conley, Linda Gray, David McCoy, Kevin McCoy, LeAnn Robinson, Mark McCoy, Lynette Kanning and Lori Stout; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were six brothers, four sisters, and two great-grandsons.

Services were held Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin and Father Daniel Leeuw officiating. Burial was in Ege Cemetery at Ege.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla or Masses to the church.

Victoria Middleton

WALKER, MO – Victoria Ann Faith Middleton, passed away May 17, 2004, at home in Walker, Missouri.

She was born in Walker, Missouri on July 27, 2002, to Steven and Heather Middleton.

She is survived by her parents, Steven and Heather Middleton; five brothers; one sister; 17 first cousins; several aunts and uncles; great-grandmothers, Kathryn Middleton of Waterloo (formerly of Albion), and Eula Pistachio of Prescott Valley, Arizona; grandmothers, Wanda Buttorf of Walker, Missouri and Beverly Middleton of Albion; grandfather, Duane Middleton; and many more relatives and friends.

Interment was May 18, 2004, at Flatrock Cemetery, Schell City, Missouri.

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Mary Seymoure

WOLF LAKE – Mary L. Seymoure, 94, a former resident of the Wolf Lake area, died Friday, May 21, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Huntington where she had been a resident since March 2002.

She was born August 26, 1909, in Noble County, a daughter of Arden W. "Gid" and Anna Winebrenner. She graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On May 5, 1937, she was united in marriage to Harold R. "Jerry" Seymoure. They made their home in Columbia City, later moving to Thorncreek Township. They then returned to the Seymoure family farm south of Wolf Lake. Mr. Seymoure died April 13, 1985.

She was a member of Columbia City United Methodist Church.

She is survived by a son, Roger A. (Connie) Seymoure of Columbia City; a daughter, Ann Seymoure of Colorado Springs, CO; five grandchildren; and a great granddaughter.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by 11 brothers and sisters.

The funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with Rev. Jack Scott, pastor of Columbia City United Methodist Church, officiating. The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam. The visitation will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2004, at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Columbia City United Methodist Church Building Fund or Alzheimer's Association.

Frances Eshelman

LAGRANGE – Frances I. Eshelman, 92, of LaGrange died Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange where she had resided for two months.

Mrs. Eshelman had been a resident of the Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville for three year prior to moving to the LaGrange facility. She had lived in Wolcottville most of her life.

She was a nurses aide and had retired from Sturgis Hospital after 10 years of service.

Mrs. Eshelman was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, the Eastern Star, the White Shrine, and the Twentieth Century Club.

She was born April 22, 1912, in LaGrange County the daughter of Charles and Mabel (Gardener) Zook. On December 9, 1931, in Bristol she married Clifford G. Eshelman. He died July 16, 1977.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mable and Quincy Eugene Combs of Peru and Cheryl Stevens of Albion; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Hans and Cindy Schmidt, Tracey and Jennifer Schmidt, Jason and Susan Stevens, Melody and Kirk Obst, Denise Taft, Michele and Keith Smith and Kristina Rabe; 16 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a daughter, Anna Mae Eshelman.

Services were held Monday, May 24, 2004, at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Doug Keenan of Berean Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the Berean Baptist Church in Albion.

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Mildred Harrison

ALBION – Mildred Ann Harrison, 65, of Albion died Sunday, May 23, 2004, at the home of her son.

Mrs. Harrison had resided in Whitley County until moving to Noble County in 2001. She retired in 1992 from Hardee's Restaurant after five years of service.

She was a member of the Eagles Lodge and New Hope Wesleyan Church.

She was born November 10, 1938, in Columbia City to Homer and Mabel (Brown) Hursey. On November 22, 1933, in Whitley County, she married Cecil J. Harrison. He died October 12, 1991.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Cecil and Kathy Harrison of Albion and Shannon and Kathy Harrison of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Malana and Steve Alvey of Columbia City and Shawn Foster and her fiancé, Ted Collins, of Columbia City; a half brother and his wife, James and Ida Mac Staples of Columbia City; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three daughters, Debbie, Karan and Sherry Harrison; two sisters, Sharon Harrison and Juanita Jackson; a granddaughter, Christina Farber; and a great-granddaughter, Becca Farber.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2004, at Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Richard officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Thorn Cemetery in Noble County.

Calling will be from noon to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Shoda-Wilkinson Funeral Home.

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Donald Ratliff

CROMWELL — Donald Dempsey Ratliff, 57, of Cromwell died at 5:25 p.m. Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Ratliff

Mr. Ratliff was employed at Schult Homes in Middlebury and was also a licensed auctioneer. He had been a Noble County resident for 36 years.

He was an avid Corvette collector and a fan of NASCAR. He was a fan of University of Kentucky basketball and enjoyed horseshoe pitching. He was devoted to his family.

Mr. Ratliff was born Oct. 12, 1946, in Knott County, Ky., to Jim and Ora (Ramey) Ratliff. His parents are deceased. On July 29, 1967, in Clintwood, Va., he married Gloria Fay Nelson. She survives in Cromwell.

Also surviving are a son, Donald Dempsey Ratliff Jr. of Ligonier; two daughters and sons-in-law, Melissa Lynn and Steve Burkholder of Ligonier and Sondra Kay and Mike Kyle of Cromwell; nine brothers and six sisters-in-law, Thorton and Doris Ratliff, Denzil and Brenda Ratliff, Daniel and Peggy Ratliff, and Henry and Brenda Ratliff, all of Leburn, Ky., Burton and Helen Ratliff of Hollybush, Ky., David and Connie Ratliff and Homer Ratliff, all of Shipshewana, and Larry Ratliff and Jackie Ratliff, both of Tampa, Fla.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Coleen and Wayne Conley of Leburn and Dania and Donnie Combs of Vest, Ky.; and seven grandchildren, Alecia, Brittany, Heather, Austin, Mikey, Cody and Dylan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hindman Funeral Home in Hindman, Ky. Burial will be in Ramey-Ratliff Cemetery at Leburn.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier and after 6 p.m. Friday at Hindman Funeral Home in Kentucky.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Rose Becker-Steele

ASHLEY — A memorial service for Rose J. Becker-Steele, 63, of Ashley will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Harvest Christian Fellowship Church, 11225 Grabill Road, Leo.

She died Wednesday, May 12, 2004, at 12:20 a.m. in the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Becker-Steele was a registered medical assistant and worked in private-duty home health care.

She was born Dec. 6, 1940, in Kendallville to Kenton E. and Ruby (Hoffman) Becker.

She is survived by her father of Pleasant Lake; two daughters, Sheryl Mowery of Leo and Deborah Boyle of Kansas City, Mo.; two sons, Gary Hanna and Rob Hanna, both of Hudson; four sisters, Jean Becker and Gail Perl, both of Fort Wayne, Diana LeBrun of Pleasant Lake, and Deborah Ensley of Owatonna, Minn.; a brother, Jerry Becker of Lake James; and nine grandchildren.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

The Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

William Tritch

HUDSON — William L. "Bill" Tritch, 80, of Hudson, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Tritch was born in Steuben County on April 25, 1924, to Carl and Blanche (Wood) Tritch. He married Thelma Sanders on July 19, 1947, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 26, 2001.

He was retired from Dana-Weatherhead in Angola, where he had worked for 39 years. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are three sons, Ron Tritch of Fremont and Lyle and Jim Tritch, both of Angola; a daughter, Sandra Ferrell of Angola; two sisters, Audra Dester of Fort Wayne and Marjorie Kuckuck of Stryker, Ohio; a brother, Keith Tritch of Mineral Ridge, Ohio; 14 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hudson United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, and at the church one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to Hudson United Brethren Church.

Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

Dean Cornell

AUBURN — Dean E. Cornell, 76, died Wednesday morning, May 26, 2004, at his home in rural Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville.

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Geraldine Griffin

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Geraldine Griffin, 84, died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette where she had been a patient one week.

She had worked in the produce department at Smitty's 14 years before retiring. She had lived in Lafayette since 1972, coming from Fort Wayne.

She was born May 5, 1920, in Battle Creek, Mich., to George and Olive Ridenour.

Surviving are four sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Collins and Pauline Graves, both of Auburn, Ida Mae Becker of Oregon and Peggy Ann and Walter LaCavaliar of Albuquerque, N.M.; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Melvin and Carol Mae Ridenour and Ted and Joan Ridenour, all of Auburn, Vern and Barbara Ridenour of Butler, Bill and Melissa Ridenour of Garrett, and Edward Ridenour of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law Jean and Bob Howard of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Claudia Griffin of Weatherford, Texas; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Jack Ridenour.

Services were Friday in West Lafayette, and burial was in Johnson Cemetery. Arrangements were by Soller-Baker Funeral Homes.

Donald Ratliff

CROMWELL — Donald Dempsey Ratliff, 57, of Cromwell died Tuesday at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Ratliff was born in Knott County, Kentucky and lived in Noble County for 36 years. He worked at Schult Homes in Middlebury and was a licensed auctioneer. He was an avid Corvette collector and a fan of NASCAR, University of Kentucky basketball and horseshoe pitching. He was devoted to and loved his family.

Mr. Dempsey

He was born to Jim and Ora Ratliff on October 12, 1946..

On July 29, 1967, he married Gloria Fay Nelson in Clintwood, Va.

His wife survives him, in Cromwell. Other survivors include a son, Donald Dempsey Ratliff, Jr., of Ligonier; two daughters, Melissa Lynn (Steve) Burkholder of Ligonier and Sondra Kay (Mike) Kyle, Cromwell; nine brothers, Thorton (Doris) Ratliff of Leburn Ky., Burton (Helen) Ratliff of Hollybush Ky., Denzil (Brenda) Ratliff of Leburn, Ky., David (Connie) Ratliff of Shipshewana, Daniel (Peggy) Ratliff of Leburn, Ky., Homer Ratliff of Shipshewana, Henry (Brenda) Ratliff of Leburn, Ky., Larry Ratliff and Jackie Ratliff, both of Tampa Fla.; two sisters, Coleen (Wayne) Conley of Leburn, Ky. and Dania (Donnie) Combs of Vest, Ky.; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Ora Ratliff.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hindman Funeral Home in Hindman, Ky. Burial will be in Ramey-Ratliff Cemetery of Leburn, Ky.

Junis Steele

LIGONIER — Junis T. Steele, 81, of Ligonier died at 1:50 p.m. Sunday, May 23, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Steele was a coal miner in Virginia and retired from All-Metal in Ligonier.

He was a member of the Apostolic Faith Church of Ligonier and the United Mine Workers.

He enjoyed bird watching and whittling.

Mr. Steele was born April 8, 1923, in Norton, Va., to Ben and Venie (Wells) Steele. On May 3, 1947, in Norton, Va., he married Helen Brickey. She survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Steele of Ligonier; five sons and two daughters-in-law, Thomas and Rita Steele of Kimmell, Glenn and Flo Steele of Ligonier, Gary Steele of Ligonier, Randy Steele and Ligonier, and Kevin Steele of Ligonier; two sisters, Carrie Belle Reed of Baltimore, Md., and Ethel Steele of Norton; 16 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were Wednesday at Apostolic Faith Church of Ligonier, with the Rev. Joseph Brickey and Benny Archer officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to Apostolic Faith Church.

Calling will be today, Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, and Friday after 6 p.m. at Hindman Funeral Home in Kentucky.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Anna Troyer

TOPEKA — Anna Mae Troyer, 85, died at 1:48 p.m. Friday, May 21, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital. She had been in declining health.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born July 27, 1918, in Sumner County, Kan., to Levi and Gertrude Yoder and moved to LaGrange County in her youth.

She married David C. Troyer Dec. 10, 1940. He died June 24, 1987.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Marietta and Reuben Bontrager of Ligonier, Sarah Yoder of Hicksville, Ohio, Carolyn and Edward Yoder of Garnett, Kan., and Vera Detwiler of Middlefield, Ohio; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Harley and Pat Troyer of Fort Lupton, Colo., David and Linda Troyer of Topeka, Mervin Troyer of LaGrange, Danny and Ruby Troyer of Shipshewana and Ray and Betty Troyer of Shipshewana; four sisters and their spouses, Edna and Orla Troyer of Topeka, Sara and Floyd Miller of Goshen, Mary and Alvin Miller of Goshen and Gertie and Orvil Christner of Wolcottville; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Sam and Lillian Yoder of Goshen, Alvin and Amanda Yoder of Goshen, bill and Joann Yoder of Goshen and Lee Yoder of Albuquerque, N.M.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; a sister, Polly Miller, and two sons-in-law, Noah Yoder and Mervin Detwiler.

The funeral service was held Monday with Bishop Samuel Herschberger and home ministers officiating. Burial was at Hawpatch Cemetery in Topeka.

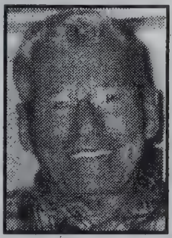
James Berry

CROMWELL — James F. Berry, 77, of Cromwell, formerly of Fort Wayne, died at 12:40 a.m. Friday, May 21, 2004 at his residence.

He was born on December 21, 1926 in Fort Wayne to George and Matilda (Frantz) Berry.

He married Ruth Berry on October 14, 1969 in Albion, she survives him.

He was retired from General Electric where he had worked in the transformer section.


Mr. Berry

He was a member of IUE-CWA ALFCIO Local #901, he had been president of the Knapp Lake Association.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth of Cromwell; four daughters, Susan (Jason) Pitcher of Cromwell; Kathleen (Rex) Daisey of Kernersville, N.C.; Dr. Sally Berry of Trenton, N.J.; and Saundra Berry of Atlanta, Ga.; three sons, Michael (Marie) Berry of Fort Wayne; Richard (Denise) Berry of Atlanta, Ga.,; Timothy Berry of San Diego, Calif.; a brother, William Berry; two sisters, Delores Handley of Gary; and Estella Fett of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard and George.

The funeral service was Monday, May 24, at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco, with Pastor Mark Clough officiating. Burial followed at Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross.

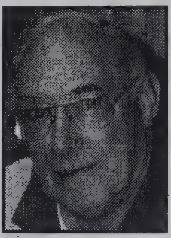
Carl Copen

GOSHEN — Carl E. Copen, 71, of Goshen died at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Copen had lived in the Cromwell, Kimmell and Goshen area for 32 years, moving here from Charleston, W.Va.

He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Copen retired from Freudenburg NOK in Ligonier. Prior to that, he had worked for 17 years at Anderson Boling in Goshen.


Mr. Copen

He loved to fish and pitch horseshoes.

Mr. Copen was born Oct. 6, 1932, in Charleston the son of Idine and Eva L. (Hoover) Copen. On May 18, 1964, in Pearisburg, Va., he married Nancy Smith. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Timothy and Annette Priestley of LaGrange and Carl "Mike" and Heather Copen of Millersburg; a sister, Janet Teel of Cromwell; six grandchildren; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sons and two brothers, James and Kenneth.

Services were Sunday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with military graveside rites.

Memorials are to Goshen Home Health and Hospice.

DeWayne Sheley

DeWayne L. Sheley, 77, a resident of Lost Lakes of Cocoa, Cocoa, Fla., died Sunday, May 16, 2004 at Hospice Home of Brevard County.

Born on June 1, 1926 in Noble County, a son of Albert and Leila Sheley, his formative years were spent in the Wawaka community where he graduated from high school.

In 1944 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Following his discharge from military duty, he was employed as a dispatcher at the Ligonier State Police Post. Later he began his employment with Farm Bureau Insurance Company in the Fort Wayne area and retired after many years as a claims adjuster.

Mr. Sheley had resided in Fort Wayne and at Tri Lakes for more then 20 years before moving to Florida.

Survivors include his wife, Pat; two sons, Bruce D. Sheley of Fort Wayne; and Matt Sheley of Bloomington; a daughter, Karen D. Buchheit of Fort Wayne; a grandson; a great-granddaughter; and a brother, Melver Sheley of Bremen.

A brother, Delbert, preceded him in death.

A graveside military service and burial was held Thursday, May 20, at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

Arrangements were by East Coast Cremation and Burial, Rockledge, Fla.

Thomas Hubbard

Thomas A Hubbard, age 70, Robertson County, Kentucky died Thursday May 20, 2004, at his residence.

Born in Columbia City, on January 26, 1934, to the late Dewey Hubbard and Irne Renfro Hubbard Gangwer, he was a retired machinist at Weaver Coporpation in Paris, Ky., and a Marine veteran. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Jessica Renee Hubbard.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Hunt Hubbard; two sons, Thomas Scott Hubbard, Glasgow, Ky and Robert Gregory (Patricia) Hubbard, Owingsville, Ky; two daugters, Deanna (Larry Michael) McCord, Irvington, Ky and Vivian (Patrick D.) Norris, Mt. Olivet, Ky; two brothers, Robert Gangwer of Ligonier and James (Becky) Gangwer of Topeka and six grandchildren, Kyle Brandon McCord, Caleb Matthew Hubbard, Zachary Taylor Hubbard, Elijah Clay Hubbard, Seth Thomas Hubbard and Patrick Henry Norris.

Funberal services were Sunday May 23 at 2 p.m. at the Robertson County Funeral Home in Kentucky. Burial was in Ginter Cemetery in Menifee County, Ky.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Hope, Browning Medical Building, 2 A, 1 West McDonald Parkway, Maysville, Kentucky 41056.

Phyllis Kelly

Word was received late Wednesday that Phyllis Kelly, 78, of Ligonier died at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services are Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Ligonier. Calling is Friday from 4 to 7 at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

See the News-Sun Thursday for a full obituary.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information supplied by the funeral home.*

Betty Nesbitt

KENDALLVILLE — Betty L. Nesbitt, 79, of Kendallville died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Nesbitt

Mrs. Nesbitt was a resident of the Lamplighter and was a homemaker. She lived in Warsaw and Nappanee before moving to Kendallville.

She was a member of the Church of the Brethren in Nappanee and the VFW Auxiliary of Post 2749 in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nesbitt was born March 17, 1925, in Warsaw to Raymond and Latha (Mason) Zimmer. Her first husband, Ralph Hollar, died April 23, 1989. She married her second husband, Norbert G. Nesbitt, on Dec. 5, 1956, in Angola. He died May 16, 1980.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Bill and Jan Hollar of Nappanee, Mike and Donita Hollar of Nappanee and Paul and Lisa Nesbitt of Rome City; five daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and John Moor of Fort Wayne, Nancy and Richard Amstutz of Kendallville, Deb and Ron Frick of Kendallville, Cindy and Chuck Roberts of Fort Wayne and Tonya and Rex Fulk of Kendallville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard "Dick" and Lucy Weirick and Jim and Pat Weirick, all of Warsaw; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Bernie Leek of Warsaw, Carolyn Blake of Pierceton and Sandy and Rich Hollingsworth of North Webster; a daughter-in-law, Esther Hollar of Kendallville; 20 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Raymond "Butch" Hollar and a granddaughter, Dawn Marie Hollar.

Services was at 11 a.m. today at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery in South Milford.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Phyllis Kelly

LIGONIER — Phyllis Ann Kelly, 78, of Ligonier died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kelly had been a resident of Ligonier since 1956. She was a homemaker and had helped with Girl Scouting.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Ladies Sodality. She was also a member of the Goshen VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and she loved to dance and garden.

She was born Oct. 19, 1925, in Grafton, Va., the daughter of Leland and Nanette Adelaide (Preiss) Price.

Her husband, Charles Joseph Kelly, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald Paul Kelly and Steven Michael Kelly, both of Cromwell; four daughters, Constance Marie Kelly of LaGrange, Anna Philomena Bechlem of Middlebury, Carol Rae Kelly of Goshen and Angela Nanette Frain of Orland; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Fernandes Babasino officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Dean Cornell

AUBURN — Dean E. Cornell, 76, died Wednesday morning, May 26, 2004, at his rural Auburn home.

Mr. Cornell

He retired from the maintenance department at Phelps Dodge. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and member of the Hoosier Warbirds, Gideons International, and Meese Chapel United Methodist Church. He also attended Hopewell United Brethren Church. He was a 1946 graduate of Spencerville High School.

He was born April 15, 1928, in Auburn, to the late Ernest and Garnet (Dove) Cornell.

Mr. Cornell married Mary Marlene Cook June 2, 1951, at Coburn Corners. She preceded him in death May 15, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Susan Cornell of Friendswood, Texas, and David and Deb Cornell of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Ken Smith of Santa Monica, Calif., Katy and Gary Fluitt of Golden, Colo., and Betty and John Grawcock of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Dale Gerig of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and his faithful companion of the last five years, his dog Tuffy.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hopewell United Brethren Chuch, 6852 C.R. 35, Auburn, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever and the Rev. John Erwin officiating. Burial will be at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday in the church fellowship hall, and for one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the Gideons, P.O. Box 102, Auburn, or the Hoosier Warbirds at P.O. Box 87, Auburn.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to include additional information.*

Geraldine Griffin

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Geraldine Griffin, 84, died at 7:50 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, 2004, at Heritage Health Care in West Lafayette where she had been a patient one week.

She had worked in the produce department at Smitty's 14 years before retiring. She had lived in Lafayette since 1972, coming from Fort Wayne.

She was born May 5, 1920, in Battle Creek, Mich., to George and Olive Ridenour.

Surviving are four sisters and a brother-in-law, Maxine Collins and Pauline Graves, both of Auburn, Ida Mae Becker of Oregon and Peggy Ann and Walter LaCavaliar of Albuquerque, N.M.; six brothers and five sisters-in-law, Melvin and Carol Mae Ridenour, Richard and Martha Ridenour and Ted and Joan Ridenour, all of Auburn, Vern and Barbara Ridenour of Butler, Bill and Melissa Ridenour of Garrett, and Edward Ridenour of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law Jean and Bob Howard of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Claudia Griffin of Weatherford, Texas; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Jack Ridenour.

Services were held today in West Lafayette, and burial was in Johnson Cemetery. Arrangements were by Soller-Baker Funeral Homes.

R. Dale Weimer

BERNE — R. Dale Weimer, 94, of Berne died at 1:04 a.m. Thursday, May 27, 2004, at Swiss Village in Berne.

Mr. Weimer was a retired teacher. He had taught in Adams, Noble and Whitley counties. He was a graduate of Albion High School and Ball State University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Albion American Legion Post 246.

Mr. Weimer enjoyed gardening and being a member of the Lucky Stamp Club. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

He was born Nov. 14, 1909, in Noble County to William S.K. and Nettie (Barr) Weimer. On June 6, 1949, in Muncie he married Mildred Ozbun. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen S. Weimer of Davenport, Iowa, and Bonnie and George Bennett of Albion; two sisters, Maxine Klink of Orlando, Fla., and Mildred Weimer of Albion; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Weimer.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Swiss Village in Berne with the Rev. Mark Berg and the Rev. Anita Rediger officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

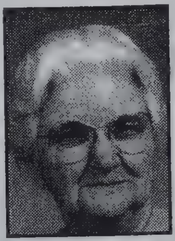
Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at Swiss Village and from 12:30-1 p.m. Sunday at Swiss Village.

Memorials are to Swiss Village Endowment Fund or the Sweet Church Community Organization Inc.

Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne is in charge of arrangements.

Elsie Miller

GOSHEN — Elsie Miller, 96, of Goshen died at 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Greencroft Terraces Health Care in Goshen where she had lived since May 14.


Mrs. Miller

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker and had worked at Elkhart General Hospital in the housekeeping department.

She was a member of Bonneyville Mennonite Church. She enjoyed crocheting and visiting people.

She was born March 16, 1908, in Elkhart County the daughter of Eli D. and Barbara (Chupp) Hochstetler. On Sept. 8, 1927, in Etna Green she married Eli D. Miller. He died April 26, 1988.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Clara Gingerich of Goshen, Mary Vincent of Garrett, and Verda and William Bills of Ruleville, Miss.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Leon and Rosalie Miller of Pharr, Texas, and Ervin and Esther Miller of Portland, Ore.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Susie Kauffman of Goshen and Barbara and Albert Miller of Palmer Lake, Colo.; 23 grandchildren; 52 great-grandchildren; and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Laura Troyer on April 6, 1996; a brother, Raymond Hochstetler; and four sisters, Wilma Miller, Elizabeth Kertes, Ruby Stutzman and Clara Stutzman.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Bonneyville Mennonite Church with the Rev. Eldon Stoltzfus officiating. Burial will be in Mottville Cemetery in Mottville.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Ethelyn Frankenberg

FORT WAYNE — Ethelyn L. "Ethel" Frankenberg, 100, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Renaissance Village in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Frankenberg was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne. She retired as a secretary from the YWCA.

She was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 432, and was a member of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia L. and Roger McKinney of Lake George; two grandchildren, Michael McKinney and Debra McKinney, both of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Fred Schreiber, and her second husband, Clyde W. Frankenberg.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lindenwood Cemetery Bohn Chapel, 2324 W. Main St., Fort Wayne. Calling is today from 3 to 8 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with an Eastern Star service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Allen County Council on Aging, St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church or the League for the Blind.

James Dungan

WHITMORE LAKE, Mich. — James L. Dungan of Whitmore Lake and formerly of Kendallville, Ind., died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Dungan retired from Masco Corp. in Livonia with 42 years service in Michigan and at Flint & Walling in Kendallville.

He had served in the U.S. Navy four years and was a member of St. Patrick parish.

Mr. Dungan was born Feb. 19, 1936, in Huntington, Ind., the son of Jesse and Doris Dungan. They survive in Warsaw, Ind. On June 5, 1962, in South Bend, Ind., he married Janet Mauch. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark James and Trina Dungan and James Troy Dungan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorette and Merlyn Hess of Huntertown, Ind., and Marilyn and Donald Rice of Warsaw; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack Randall and Wanda Dungan of Warsaw, and Michael Devoe and Cara Dungan of Oakwood, Ill.; two granddaughters, Chelsea and Sabrina; 16 nieces and nephews; and 46 great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Eugene Dungan of Carmel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick Parish, 711 Rickett Road, Brighton, Mich.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel, in Hamburg, Mich., and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church or the American Cancer Society.

Beulah McGlenen

BRYAN, Ohio — Beulah Faye McGlenen, 99, of Bryan, Ohio, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at the Community Hospitals Williams County, Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. McGlenen retired in 1967 after 16 years as a cafeteria supervisor at the Washington Elementary School in Bryan, Ohio. Prior to her retirement, she was employed by the Pet Garment Co., Spangler Candy Co., Ohio Art Co. and the Cameron Hospital, all in Bryan, Ohio.

She enjoyed gardening, flowers and sewing.

She was born April 22, 1905, in Northwest Township, Williams County, Ohio, to Ervin Derrell and Orilla Pearl (Beach) Kintigh.

On Dec. 24, 1924, she married John Earnest McGlenen. He preceded her in death on Dec. 6, 1967.

Surviving are four daughters and two sons-in-law, Janis J. Taylor of Denver, Colo., Shirley A. and Arthur E. Castor of Denton, Texas, Beverly K. and Everett A. Moore of Bryan, Ohio, and Alyce F. Calvin of Kendallville; a brother, Lowell Eugene Kintigh of Diamondale, Mich.; a sister, Doris Parker of Olympia, Wash.; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one son, Clyde Everett McGlenen; a son-in-law, Wayne Taylor; a granddaughter, Deborah A. (Castor) Clark; three brothers, Reno, Cleo and Ervin Kintigh; and five sisters, Adah Lucille Jackman, Alice Marsh, Kathleen Guernsey, Margaret Lefler and Ruth Parker.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Bryan, Ohio. The Rev. Gary Keisling will officiate. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, Ohio.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 206 N. Lynn St., Bryan, Ohio.

Memorials are to the American Printing House for the Blind or the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Cleveland Public Library.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Frances I. Eshelman** were held at 2 p.m. Monday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville with the Rev. Doug Keenan officiating.

Burial was in Woodland Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Hans Schmidt, Tracey Schmidt, Jason Stevens, Brian Schmidt, Kirk Obst, Keith Smart, Andy Shively and Phillip Heyse.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Edna Foster** were held at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert Shriner officiating.

Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jessie, Robert, Deloren and LeRoy Thompson, Dexter Winebrenner and Richard Smith.

Sedric Hontz

Mr. Hontz

KIMMELL — Sedric Dale Hontz, 93, of Kimmell died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 5 p.m. in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mr. Hontz was a retired farmer, proprietor of the Hontz Blueberry Marsh and a former bus driver. He was a past Washington Township Trustee. He was member of Ormas Baptist Church, where he had served as deacon and adult Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Hontz enjoyed his church, farming, baseball, horses and fishing.

He was born July 13, 1910, in Kimmell to Jonathon A. and Pearl C. (Todd) Hontz.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Elda Hontz of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Reva and Richard Edwards of Kimmell and Cyrena and Ray Hoffeditz of Pittsboro; a son, Stephen Dale Hontz of Kimmell; a sister, Erma Stump; a brother-in-law, Lew Wolfe; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Claire Wolfe; two grandsons; a great-grandson; two brothers and five sisters.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Ormas Baptist Church, with the Rev. Michael Allen officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-8 p.m. at Orr Funeral Home, 500 W. Second St., Ligonier.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church.

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Milton Ziems

STUART, Fla. — Word has been received of the passing of Milton S. Ziems, 82, on March 1, 2004, in Stuart, Fla., after a brief illness.

Mr. Ziems was born Jan. 17, 1922, in Toledo, Ohio. He was a graduate of Rossford High School and attended the University of Toledo. Mr. Ziems was the retired president and owner of the former Sun Too & Machine Co., a Toledo firm that manufactured machinery for the glass industry. The company was founded by his father, E.A. Ziems and a partner in 1928. The company was sold in 1967.

After his retirement, Mr. Ziems traveled as a hobby, estimating he had flown more than 250,000 miles while visiting many countries around the world.

Mr. Ziems was a member of the Toledo Rotary Club, 32-year member of the Toledo Elks Lodge and a lifelong member of Toledo Masonic Blue Lodge. As a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Maumee, Ohio, he served on the vestry from 1953-55.

One of his favorite hobbies was sailing, which he pursued during the last 45-plus summers spent at Clear Lake. He was a member of the Clear Lake Yacht Club for many years.

His first wife, Suzanne, died in 1972. He is survived by his present wife, Maurine Sarver Ziems; a daughter, Barbara Mouat, Tustin Calif.; a son and daughter in-law, Tom and Gretchen Ziems, Perrysburg, Ohio; and grand children, Lisa Ziems Borras, Chicago, Nancy Mouat, Santa Barbara, Calif; Robert Mouat; and two great-grandchildren, Margaret and Gavin, Fort Collins, Colo.

Funeral services were held in Stuart on March 6. Burial was held in Wakeman Cemetery, Waterville, Ohio. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Toledo Zoo Foundation, for the Conservatory, PO Box 140130, Toledo OH 43614.

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Chance meeting in club led to love of a lifetime for Houcks

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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PLEASANT LAKE — Connie Houck can remember without hesitation what it was that first attracted her to her husband, Joel.

"He was willing to dance," she said. "It didn't matter if the songs were fast ones or slow ones ... we danced to them all."

Joel Houck, 31, died on May 19 as a result of a car-train accident in Waterloo. In addition to his wife, he left behind a 5-year-old son, Tristin.

The Houcks met at Skip's Lounge in Angola in 1997.

"I was at my soon-to-be sister-in-law's before-wedding bash, and he just happened to be there," Connie remembered with a smile in her voice.

And so they danced ... and less than a year later, on May 1, 1998, they became man and wife.

"It was meant to be," Connie said. "It was fast, but I knew it was meant to be."

After they became parents, Connie said, she and her husband kept right on dancing.

"We didn't get out much, but sometimes after we put Tristin to bed, we'd put on the music and just dance at home," she said.

Connie remembers Joel as "a wonderful dad and a great husband."

"The one thing I can say for sure is that I don't have any regrets," she said. "I can't say I wish we hadn't fought, because we really never did fight."

Connie said she has tried as best she can to focus on Tristin and his needs during this difficult time.

"I'm not really sure everything's sunk in yet," she said. "On the day of the accident, his boss called me to tell me he hadn't made it to work yet and wondered if he was sick or something and had forgotten to call. I said no, he'd left at the regular time. I'm such an optimist; I just couldn't believe anything bad could have happened. I just figured Joel had stopped at a gas station and locked his keys in his truck or something silly like that. Even when the police officer came to where I work that day, I just knew he couldn't be there for me."

In Tristin, Connie said, she finds tremendous comfort.

"Having him is something that will make me feel like I'll always have Joel; like he'll always be a part of our family," she said.

Tristin knows who Connie is speaking of when she says such things.

"You're talking about Daddy," he piped up.

Another source of comfort for Connie are her young charges at Cameron Child Care, where she is employed and works with toddlers.

"They are wonderful," she said. "If you ever need extra hugs, they always have them."

Connie and Joel had just built a house at Goosenec Lake, and had moved in o March 1.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTE

Joel Houck rides in a go-kart with his son, Tristin. Mr. Houck died May 19, 2004, at the age of 31.

"I am glad that even though i was short, we were able to liv in that house together for a littl while," Connie said. "It woul have been hard having to finis it and move in knowing he wa never going to live there."

Connie said she doesn' think very far into the futur right now.

"I miss Joel," she said. " can't imagine what the futur holds."

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Knach filled 108 years with warmth

BY BOB BRALEY
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This photo of Laura Teders was taken when she flew in an open cockpit biplane in her youth. Laura (Teders) Knach died May 23, 2004, at 108.

AVILLA — When someone lives 108 years, it can seem as though they'll just go on forever, but sooner or later, the days finally pass by.

For Laura Knach, Noble County's oldest resident, who died early May 23 at 108, those days have finally run out — but, oh, what days they were.

She drove the first car in Avilla. She flew in an airplane in the days of biplanes. She kept the family business running, then married. When her husband died, she kept herself and her two children going. And she kept on cooking into her 90s.

"She was quite a cook," said her granddaughter, LeAnn Robinson.

Laura was born to Henry and Anne (Reimer) Teders Dec. 12, 1895, when Avilla didn't yet have paved streets or traffic lights. Grover Cleveland was president. She was the middle child in a family of 11 children, and considered the family beauty.

As a young woman, Laura took the train from Avilla to Garrett and back for dances. One night she missed the last train back and had to walk from Garrett to Avilla, Robinson said.

Laura ran the family milk business for her father, Robinson said. She used a horse and wagon, but didn't have to steer the horse because it knew the route.

She became the first person in Avilla to drive a car. She continued driving until driver's licenses were required, since she didn't see the need to get one at the time.

Another adventure Laura undertook was riding in an open-cockpit biplane. The plane, which had advertising on it, stopped in Avilla, Robinson said. "They went up, and the guy gave her a ride on it." Robinson added that her grandma was always up for something new.

Laura married Frank B. Knach on May 31, 1930. They set up housekeeping on a Swan Township farm where Frank had lived since he was born. At that time, she transferred her church membership from St. Mary of the Assumption in Avilla to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege.

Frank and Laura became parents to a son, Frank C., and a daughter, LaVera.

On Dec. 9, 1949, Frank B. Knach died of a heart attack. He was buried on Laura's birthday.

Laura had two children to raise. "She still worked the farm," Robinson said.

In 1952, Laura moved the family back into Avilla, returning her church membership to St. Mary's. She got a job cooking at the St. James Restaurant. "She cooked 19 years at St. James," Robinson said. She retired from cooking there at age 70.

"Her church was the most important thing in the world to her, along with her family," Robinson said. "She went to Mass every day."

Laura helped out in the church kitchen whenever it was necessary, even when she was in her 80s and 90s, Robinson recalled.

Because Laura's health was so good for so long, her grandchildren and great-grandchildren had similar memories of her, Robinson said. She loved playing rummy and checkers. "She would always beat you. She was very competitive," she added. "She would just giggle at you when she'd win."

At age 96, Laura moved to what was then Sacred Heart Home, now Provena Sacred Heart Home. She joined the Rhythm Band there and continued to travel with it. "She was never stoppable," Robinson said.

Laura was much loved at the nursing home. "Everyone that ever met her loved her," Robinson said. In recent years, it offered a bus tour of the sites where she had lived her life.

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Laura Teders Knach at approximately age 16

Now that Laura has passed to a different life, her family is left with the memories of how her 108 years touched them. Those memories include her cooking, and baking "the best cookies in the world," Robinson said. They also include the love of a woman who saw things through for her family, in good times and had

Hilda Deck

CHURUBUSCO — Hilda "Marie" Deck, 79, of Churubusco, died at 3:20 p.m. Friday, May 28, 2004, at Byron Health Center, Fort Wayne. She had been in declining health for some time and entered the nursing home in August 2003.

Deck

On March 18, 1925, in Lima, Ohio, she was born to Robert Joseph and Hilda Florence (Schweir) Roche.

She spent her formative years in Fort Wayne at the former St. Vincent's Villa orphanage, and lived her adult life in Churubusco.

The former custodian at Churubusco Elementary School also had worked at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne for five years.

She was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and its Rosary Sodality.

Mrs. Deck enjoyed Fort Wayne Komets hockey, playing bingo, Chicago Cubs baseball and her family.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Warren D. Deck Jr., Churubusco, Ronald E. and Nicki Deck, Warsaw, and David W. and Mary Ann Deck, Jacksonville, Fla.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathy and Paul Leazier, Churubusco, Gloria and Jerry Addis, Pisgah Forest, N.C., and Rose Marie Morgan, Fort Wayne; a sister, Mary Grace Deck, Churubusco; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by four sons, Keith Allen, Robert, Dennis and Kenneth Deck, a daughter, Sharon Kay Deck, a brother, Robert Joseph Roche Jr., and a son-in-law, Russell Morgan.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. John Bosco Catholic Church, Churubusco, with the Rev. Danney Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with the rosary recited at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses or Byron Health Center Activities Department.

Condolences may be emailed to: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

George T. Hunter

HOWE — George T. Hunter, 80, of Howe, died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at his residence.

On May 27, 1924, in Detroit, Mich., he was born to Wilfred J. and Lyla M. Stocker. He married Dorothy M. Orr in Northville, Mich., on Oct. 20, 1945. She survives.

Mr. Hunter moved to LaGrange from Livonia, Mich., in 1958. He was a former owner of Multi-Plex of Howe and retired in 1985.

He was a sustaining member of the Boy Scouts of America, an Eagle Scout and a World War II Army Air Corps veteran.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Gayle and Robert Radder, Elma, N.Y., and Nancy and Tim Burrows, Howe; a son, Bruce E. Hunter, Howe; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen Grubaugh, on Nov. 8, 1990; and two brothers, Robert W. and Franklin L. Hunter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. James Bartlett officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Boy Scouts of America.

Mary Heltzel-Lewis

LIGONIER — Mary C. K. Heltzel-Lewis, 76, of Ligonier, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at her residence.

Hetzel-Lewis

In Whitley County on July 31, 1927, she was born to Lewis E. and Mary Etta (McClure) Krotzer. She married Claude Heltzel on Sept. 29, 1946, in Rome City. He preceded her in death. On Dec. 12, 1994, she married Howard Lewis. He survives.

She was a lifetime resident of Noble and Whitley counties, and had been employed at Essex Wire, the Ligonier Advance-Leader and Roofing Products International.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church, Wawaka, the Yarley Club, wrote poetry all her life and enjoyed poetry readings. She also enjoyed playing cards and traveling, and was a loyal friend and loved her family.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Nellie S. and Harold Collins, Kendallville, and Gloria D. and Bill Combs, Wolcottville; two stepsons and their spouses, Jim H. and Ann Lewis, Arlington, Texas, and Rick L. and Carol Lewis, Albion; a stepdaughter, Robyn J. Godfrey, North Webster; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris Fordeck and Margaret E. Chaffee, both of Kendallville, and Marie (her twin) and Don Faulkner, Wolcottville; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Martin Krotzer, and three sisters, Helen Sobel, Alice Kring and Mae Demalski.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral Home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kenney Park, Ligonier.

Lester Meschberger

AUBURN — Lester Meschberger, 92, of Auburn, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born in Dekalb County on May 29, 1907. He married Mary E. Bennett in 1932. She survives.

Mr. Meschberger worked in the tool crib at International Harvester for 28 years before retiring in 1969. He was a member of Moose Lodge 566 in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons, David Meschberger, Wolcottville, Denny Meschberger and Don Meschberger, both of Auburn; two daughters, Nancy Critchfield, New Haven, and Joyce Hamling, Corunna; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were six brothers, Clarence "Bub," Forrest, Evena, Ralph, Harold and Melvin Meschberger, and a sister, Gladys Meschberger.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, with calling from noon to 2 p.m. before the services. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

William Coney

LAGRANGE — William E. Coney, 73, of LaGrange, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

On July 16, 1930, in LaGrange County, he was born to Schuyler and Sarah Jane (Rowlison) Coney. In Ashley on March 26, 1952, he married Patricia Frey. She survives.

He was a retired farmer, and retired from McCray Refrigeration and No-Sag Spring, both in Kendallville. He was a U.S. Army veteran and formerly lived at Life Time in LaGrange County.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn and James Carunchia, Rome City, Melinda Coney, Fort Wayne, and Melissa Biddle, Waterloo; three sisters, Phyllis Northrup, LaGrange, Virginia Noll, Ashley, and Norma Nelson, Angola; eight grandchildren, Matthew, Jessica, Paula, Patrick, Pagen, Paige, Tony and Mary; and four great-grandchildren, Rylee, Gavyn, Kelsey and Delaynee.

In addition to his parents, a son, Mike Coney, preceded him in death on July 15, 1977, and three sisters, Wilma Dunafin, Thelma Dilts and Elizabeth Albright, also preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with Rev. Gene Flickinger officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Alice Huth

KENDALLVILLE — Alice Huth, 84, of Kendallville, died at 8:03 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Huth

On Aug. 17, 1919, in Rudyard, Mich., she was born to Alfred and Genevieve A. (LeGault) Vigneaux. She married Elmer J. Huth on Oct. 17, 1942, in Rudyard, Mich. He survives.

Mrs. Huth had lived in the Avilla and Kendallville areas since 1961. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, the Rosary Sodality at the church, and a former volunteer at McCray Memorial Hospital in Kendallville.

Surviving, in addition to her husband, are four daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Phillip Desormeaux, Avilla, Rose and Clifford Lindblom, Ossian, Jackie and Steve Dodge, Holly, Mich., and Jill and Harold Wallen, Kendallville; six sons and four daughters-in-law, Al L. and Barb Huth, Kendallville, Elmer J. "Joe" and Erma Huth Sr., Springfield, Ohio, Michael E. and Nancy Huth, Garrett, Patrick A. Huth, Kendallville, Jerry A. Huth, Garrett, and Thomas D. and Lynette Huth, Pendleton; three sisters, Rosealma Helmkamp, Avilla, Mary Jane Biddle, Salem, and Augustina Trombley, Columbia City; three brothers, Wilfred Vigneaux, Grayling, Mich., Homer Vigneaux, Fort Wayne, and Richard Vigneaux, New York; 22 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, two sisters, Sister Jule Vigneaux, and Irene Desormeaux, and a brother, Eugene Vigneaux preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville, with rosary recited at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Rosary Sodality or the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Helen Gruszczyk

SHIPSHEWANA — Helen Gruszczyk, 84, of Shipshewana, died at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 29, 2004, at her residence. She had been in declining health.

Gruszczyk

In Cook County, Ill., on Jan. 11, 1920, she was born to Michael and Antonina (Zoltek) Bilik. On May 3, 1941, in Harvey, Ill., she married Stanley T. Gruszczyk. He preceded her in death on June 12, 1987.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bristol.

Surviving are a sister, Adeline Sienko, Tinley Park, Ill.; two grandsons, Brian Gruszczyk, Murfeesboro, Tenn., and Kevin Gruszczyk, Kalamazoo, Mich.; a nephew, Stanley Parzygnot, Warsaw; two grandsons; and four great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Gruszczyk, two brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with the Rev. John H. Delaney officiating. Burial will be in Oakridge Cemetery, Bristol.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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Mary Heltzel-Lewis

LIGONIER — Mary C. K. Heltzel-Lewis, 76, of Ligonier died Friday, May 28, 2004, at her residence.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis

She was a lifetime resident of Noble and Whitley counties, and had been employed at Essex Wire, the Ligonier Advance-Leader, and Roofing Products International.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church, Wawaka, the Yarley Club, wrote poetry all her life and enjoyed poetry readings. She also enjoyed playing cards and traveling, and was a loyal friend and loved her family.

She was born July 31, 1927, in Whitley County the daughter of Lewis E. and Mary Etta (McClure) Krotzer. She married Claude Heltzel on Sept. 29, 1946, in Rome City. He preceded her in death. On Dec. 12, 1994, she married Howard Lewis. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve W. and Mary Ann Heltzel of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nellie S. and Harold Collins, Kendallville, and Gloria D. and Bill Combs, Wolcottville; two stepsons and their spouses, Jim H. and Ann Lewis, Arlington, Texas, and Rick L. and Carol Lewis, Albion; a stepdaughter, Robyn J. Godfrey, North Webster; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris Fordeck and Margaret E. Chaffee, both of Kendallville, and Marie (her twin) and Don Faulkner, Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Lewis E. and Irene Krotzer of Miami, Fla.;14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Martin Krotzer, and three sisters, Helen Sobel, Alice Kring and Mae Demalski.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial will be in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kenney Park, Ligonier.

James Green

LAGRANGE — Memorial services for James Roy Green of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville and Cedar Lake near Howe will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Post in LaGrange.

Mr. Green died Feb. 25, 2004, in Sebring.

Among his survivors are his wife, Betty; and two sons, Daniel R. Green of Columbia City and Jody K. Green of Howe.

Lyle Mortorff

HAMILTON — Lyle J. Mortorff, 79, of Hamilton, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mr. Mortorff was born July 31, 1924, in Hamilton, to Harry and Elta (Betz) Mortorff.

He was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School and retired from Rieke Corp. in Auburn after more than 40 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, where he served as a radioman on landing craft infantry ship No. 610 in the South Pacific.

He was a member of Ashley Lodge No. 614 F & A.M., the Hamilton Fish and Game Club and American Legion Post No. 0097 in Auburn.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Leora and Donald Johnson of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Lynn and Gertie Mortorff of Fort Wayne; a lifelong friend, Jane Potter of Auburn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church of the Hamilton Summer League.

C. Eugene Rasler Sr.

LAGRANGE — C. Eugene Rasler Sr., 87, of LaGrange died Saturday, May, 20, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Rasler

Mr. Rasler had lived most of his life in LaGrange County and was the retired owner of Rasler Trucking. He had served as superintendent of Caldwell Tank & Tower Co. and was a self-employed electrician and carpenter.

He was a 60-year member of Local 232 Carpenters Union and a member of the Northeastern Indiana Gas & Steam Association. He was a 50-year charter member of the LaGrange Lions Club and in 1994 had received the Mervin Jones Fellowship Award from the Lions Club. He managed the Lions Club popcorn stand.

Mr. Rasler was born Oct. 21, 1916, in Niles, Mich., the son of Clarence and Zella Mae (Dennison) Rasler. On Dec. 9, 1946, in Hagerstown, Md., he married Alice W. Wilson. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Barbara and the Rev. Dayle Dickey of New Orleans, La., Julie A. Rasler of LaGrange, and Mary and Kenneth Kilgore of LaGrange; four sons and two daughters-in-law, C. Eugene Rasler Jr., Greg and Sandie Rasler and Danny T. Rasler, all of LaGrange, and David and Carrie Rasler of Nappanee; a brother, Donald Rasler of Goshen; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Lawrence Rasler; and a sister, Laura Murray.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Richard Frederick and the Rev. Dayle Dickey officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church of the Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Sophie Kensill

ANGOLA — Sophie Hertig Kensill, 91, of Angola, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at Covingtin Manor in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kensill was born in Belvedere, Tenn., on Oct. 21, 1912. She was married to her husband, Albert Kensill, for 52 years. He died in 1980.

She had worked in the kitchen at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was a member of the Waynedale Eastern Star No. 600, and belonged to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes in Angola.

Surviving are three daughters, Janice Ecenbarger and Delores Houtz, both of Angola, and Marilyrin Cruse of Fort Wayne; a brother, Garfield Hertig of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard Kensill, in 1980; a brother, Charles Hertig, and two sisters, Flora Dirig and Mary Louise Mains.

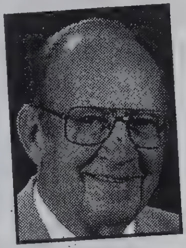
Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be today from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., and also Wednesday one hour before services.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes Memorial Garden or Covington Manor.

Warren Lige Jr.

AUBURN — Warren Lige Jr., 79, died Saturday, May 29, 2004, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.


Mr. Lige

He was a pharmacist and retired in 1994 from Hook's Drug Store in Auburn. Previously, he had worked at Romiser Drug Store and Keltch Pharmacy.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Marines on the USS Washington.

Mr. Lige was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church and he was a 50-year member of the DeKalb Lodge 214 F&AM. He graduated from Butler University College of Pharmacy in 1953, and had been a member of the Kappa Psi pharmaceutical fraternity since 1951.

He was born Oct. 13, 1924, in Auburn, to Warren Sr. and Luella (Hollopeter) Lige.

On Aug. 10, 1947, in Auburn, he married Connie Feagler. She died Nov. 25, 1988.

He married Gwen Shambaugh, and although divorced, she was a constant friend and caregiver.

Surviving are a daughter, Lorna Schlosser of Auburn; a son, Mike Lige of Auburn; a sister, Ruth Breeding of Miami, Fla.; and two grandchildren, Lynne and Brice Schlosser.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Harrold and Walter "Jack" Lige; and a sister, Betty.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Richard Thomas

ANGOLA — Richard O. Thomas, 89, of Angola, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at home.

Mr. Thomas was born June 12, 1914, in Bryan, Ohio, to Dessie B. (Leichty) and Frank L. Thomas.

He was an employee of the Bryan U.S. Post Office for 22 years, retiring in 1972. He served for four years in the U.S. Air Force as a pilot and an instructor.

He was a member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Bryan, the Experimental Aircraft Association, was the chief pilot and instructor at the Tri-State Municipal Airport, and was a member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

Surviving is a daughter, Mary Katherine Thomas of Bryan.

He was preceded in death by a son, David R. Thomas, and a sister, Marjorie Carroll.

Services were at 10 a.m. Indiana time today at Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Bryan, with Ted Mathes officiating. Calling was from 8 to 10 a.m. prior to the service.

Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan, with military graveside rites by members of the Bryan VFW.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church of Bryan.

John Garvin

WOLCOTTVILLE — John Lee "Jack" Garvin, 69, of Wolcottville died at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at his home following an extensive illness.

Mr. Garvin was the former owner of Indian Lakes Marine and had been employed for more than 18 years in maintenance work at Johnson Controls.

He was a member of St. James Epsicopal Church, American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, the Eagle Lodge in Kendallville, the Moose Lodge in LaGrange, the Masonic Lodge in Ligonier, the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club and a former member of the Eastern Star in Ligonier.

Mr. Garvin was a 1953 graduate of Ligonier High School and attended Tri-State College one year. He served two years in the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 3, 1935, in Columbus, Ind., the son of George and Florence (Westfall) Garvin. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Ligonier. On Dec. 17, 1983, in Goshen he married Betty Petersheim Slabach. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Lisa Garvin of Goshen and Michael and Shireen Garvin of Ft. Eustis, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and John Racz of Milton, Wash.; two stepsons and their wives, Dean and Judy Slabach of Mishawaka, and Doug and Diane Slabach of Goshen; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tammy and Tom Janes of Ligonier; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Carole and Harvey Bewley of Goshen, Dorothy and Robert Bish of Ligonier and Susan and Don Thuillard of Evans, Wash.; four grandchildren; five stepgrandsons; a great-granddaughter; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at St. James Episcopal Church in Goshen with Father Errol Montgomery Jr. of St. James Episcopal Church officiating. Cremation will take place.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Hospice, St. James Episcopal Church or Masonic Home Foundation.

William Kammerer

WEST BEND, Wis. — William A. Kammerer, 81, of West Bend and formerly of Grafton, Wis., and Kendallville, Ind., died Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Surviving are his wife, Florence (Novean) Kammerer; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Anna and Willard Hughes and Herma Hartmann; a granddaughter, Tiffany LaPointe; several nieces and nephews; and other relatives.

Services will be at 7 p.m. today at Eernisse Funeral Home in Port Washington, Wis. Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery in Grafton.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Paul Lutheran Church Hezekiah Fund, 701 Washington St., Grafton, WI, 53024 or to the charity of the donor's choice.

Mae Ratliff

LIGONIER — Mae S. Ratliff, 64, of Ligonier died at 10:22 p.m. Monday, May 31, 2004, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ratliff was an inspector at Nisco and enjoyed fishing, quilting, and bird watching.

She had attended the Baptist church.

Mrs. Ratliff

Mrs. Ratliff was born Nov. 20. 1939, in Big Card, Ky., the daughter of Ollie and Ethel (Hayes) Shortridge. They are deceased.

Surviving are five daughters, Judy Boyd of Syracuse, Mary Cline and Margaret Ratliff, both of Cromwell, and Angela and Rachel Ratliff, both of Fort Wayne; four sons, Walter Ratliff of Wawaka, Joe Ratliff of Ligonier, Russell Ratliff of Topeka and Richard Ratliff of Peru; nine sisters, Stephanie Shortridge of Albion, Joy Anderson of Florida, Mary Lyndsey of Alabama and Betty Garrett, Katie Willis, Zephyr Willis, Alice Ratliff, Sammy Oquinn and Annisteen Birthcett, all of Virginia; 26 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Melanie Ratliff; a son, Robert Ratliff; two brothers, Omel and Don Willis; and a sister, Trella Boyd.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to cover expenses.

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Homer Abrahamson

LAGRANGE — Homer M. Abrahamson, 83, of LaGrange died Monday, May 31, 2004, at Life Care Center in LaGrange.

Mr. Abrahamson moved to LaGrange in 1972 from Clear Lake, Iowa, then moved to Nevada in 1995 and back to LaGrange in 2003.

He was a retired salesman of agricultural products. He was a retired Lt. Col. from the Army Air Corps.

Mr. Abrahamson was a member of Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 1, 1920, in Duluth, Minn., the son of Adolph and Hazel (Hansen) Abrahamson. On Dec. 23, 1949, in Arlington, Minn., he married Carmen M. Jensen. She died Nov. 30, 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Leslee Pollina of Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Liane and Robert Malone of LaGrange; a sister, Phyllis Pearson of Duluth, Minn.; a brother, Donald Abrahamson of Orr, Minn.; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 12, at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County American Red Cross or the Salvation Army.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Police investigating possible death due to electrocution

HOWE — Police are investigating the death of an air conditioner worker who died Tuesday from suspected electrocution.

Gary Allen Bender, 44, of Burr Oak, Mich. was killed while working on an air conditioning unit at a business north of Howe. Bender was employed by a Sturgis, Mich., company.

Indiana State Police trooper Tim Myers reports that shortly before 12:51 p.m. Tuesday Bender was working on the unit when it appears that his left hand came in contact with the power unit for an unknown reason.

An autopsy will determine the exact cause of death, but police believe Bender was electrocuted. Bender's body was transported to Fort Wayne for an autopsy.

A female employee at the business had just spoken with Bender before the incident. After an interval of time without hearing from him, she attempted to locate him and found him unresponsive, according to Indiana State Police Detective Jeff Boyd.

Bender was not alive when police arrived on the scene.

Myers and LaGrange County Coroner Frank Jagoda are investigating the case.

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James Green

LAGRANGE — Memorial services for James Roy Green of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Kendallville and Cedar Lake near Howe will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the American Legion Post in LaGrange.

Mr. Green died Feb. 25, 2004, in Sebring.

Among his survivors are his wife, Betty; and two sons, David R. Green of Columbia City and Jody K. Green of Howe.

Marilyn Sattison

ANGOLA — Marilyn Anne Sattison, 77, Angola, died Friday, May 28, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sattison was born Feb. 12, 1927, in Waterloo, the daughter of Carl and Ida (Fulk) Luce.

She was a retired bus driver for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County.

She is survived by two daughters, Marianne Shafer, Fort Wayne, and Sara Strock, Crossville, Tenn.; a son, Michael of LaOtto; and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Susanne Berger.

Memorial services will be held at a later date. Burial will be at Waterloo Cemetery.

Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, is in charge of arrangements.

Leon Strange

BUTLER — A memorial service for Leon Strange will be conducted Thursday at 6 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Strange, 76, died Monday, Oct. 20, 2003, at his home in Butler.

He was a teacher for 36 years, including 23 years as a basketball and track coach, athletic director and teacher at Eastside High School in Butler.

Mr. Strange was a member of the DeKalb County Council on Aging and served as its second vice president. He was director of activities at the Heimach Senior Center and was a member of Community Bible Church.

He attended Canterbury College in Danville, Ill., and received his master's degree from Ball State University.

Born in New Castle on Nov. 7, 1926, he was the son of the late Winfield Porter Strange and Eva E. (Stone) Strange.

He is survived by his wife, Lois J. Strange of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kay and Ed Carboni of California and Sally and DeWayne Currier of Texas; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Donna Strange of Kansas; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue Nell and Kenneth Hacker of New Castle; two grandsons, David and Joshua Currier of Texas; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Bobby Strange.

Memorials are to the Heimach Senior Center, the Diabetes Association, the DeKalb County Cancer Society, Community Bible Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

Dorthea Snepp

AUBURN — Dorthea E. Snepp, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Snepp worked as a teller and office assistant at Auburn State Bank for 25 years, retiring in 1975.

She was member of the Eastern Star in Auburn, Kenwigs Literary Club, and Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born July 7, 1915, in Garrett. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1993.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Harold "Red" Kessler of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, James G. and Anna Snepp of Fredrickstown, Ohio; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Frank R. Snepp, died in 2001. She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Roger Gordon.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Albert Dunham

JACKSON, Mich. — Albert Lewis "Pete" Dunham, 59, of Jackson, Mich., died Sunday, May 16, 2004, at Cedar Knoll Care Center in Grass Lake, Mich.

Mr. Dunham was born Sept. 22, 1944, to Marion and Fern (Griffiths) Dunham. He was a former resident of Angola.

Surviving are a sister, Wealtha Duke of Jackson; and three nieces, Connie Lane of Muncie, Denice Mason of Cozad, Neb., and Bobbianne Chipman of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Jones Chapel Cemetery in rural Angola.

THE NEW ERA

June 2 2004 Albion, Indiana

Lois Bair

ALBION – Lois P. Bair, 81, of Albion died Monday, May 24, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Columbia City.

Mrs. Bair lived in York Township since 1946 and was a homemaker. She was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church in Kimmell.

She enjoyed reading, doing beadwork and crocheting.

Mrs. Bair was born May 5, 1923, in Mandale, Ohio, to John and Pauline (Scott) Richardson. On July 21, 1943, in the Kimmell United Methodist Church parsonage, she married Howard F. Bair. He died February 20, 1988.

Surviving are a son, Richard Bair of Orlando, FL; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Frances and Curtis Gillam of Albion, Paula Wade of Albion, and Martha and Jim Gillam of Fort Wayne; a sister, Donna Meeks of Oakwood, Ohio; two grandchildren, Megan Adair and Aaron Wade; and three great-grandchildren, Austin Wade, Jace Wade and Wade Adair.

Services were held Friday, May 28, 2004, at Kimmell United Methodist Church in Kimmell with the Rev. Rachel Bales-Case and the Rev. Dan Wolcott officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorials are to Central Noble Food Pantry or the Noble County SeniorPaks.

Sedric Hontz

KIMMELL – Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Sedric Dale Hontz, 93, was taken to be with the Lord at 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2004, in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

He was born on July 13, 1910, in Kimmell, to Jonathon A. Hontz and Pearl C. Todd Hontz.

He was a retired farmer, proprietor of the Hontz Blueberry Marsh and former bus driver and past Washington Township Trustee. He was a member of Ormas Baptist Church, where he had served as deacon and adult Sunday School teacher.

He enjoyed his church, farming, baseball, horses, and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Elda Hontz of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Reva and Richard Edwards of Kimmell, and Cyrena and Ray Hoffeditz of Pittsboro, IN; one son, Stephen Dale Hontz of Kimmell; one sister, Erma Stump; one son-in-law, Lew Wolfe; ten grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Claire Wolfe; two grandsons; one great-grandson; two brothers and five sisters.

Services were held Monday, May 31, 2004, in Ormas Baptist Church, with Rev. Michael Allen officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery.

Memorial contribution can be made to Ormas Baptist Church.

Mary Heltzel-Lewis

LIGONIER – Mary C. K. Heltzel-Lewis, 76, of Ligonier died Friday, May 28, 2004, at her residence.

She was a lifetime resident of Noble and Whitley counties, and had been em-ployed at Essex Wire, the Ligonier Advance-Leader, and Roofing Products International.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church, Wawaka, the Yarley Club, wrote poetry all her life and enjoyed poetry readings. She also enjoyed playing cards and traveling, and was a loyal friend and loved her family.

She was born July 31, 1927, in Whitley County the daughter of Lewis E. and Mary Etta (McClure) Krotzer. She married Claude Heltzel on Sept. 29, 1946, in Rome City. He preceded her in death. On Dec. 12, 1994, she married Howard Lewis. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve W. and Mary Ann Heltzel of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nellie S. and Harold Collins, Kendallville, and Gloria D. and Bill Combs, Wolcottville; two stepsons and their spouses, Jim H. and Ann Lewis, Arlington, Texas, and Rick L. and Carol Lewis, Albion; a stepdaughter, Robyn J. Godfrey, North Webster; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris Fordeck and Margaret E. Chaffee, both of Kendallville, and Marie (her twin) and Don Faulkner, Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Lewis E. and Irene Krotzer of Miami, Fla.;14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

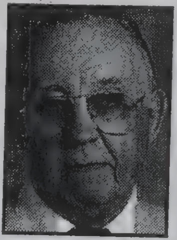
She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Martin Krotzer, and three sisters, Helen Sobel, Alice Kring and Mae Demalski.

Services were held Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kenney Park, Ligonier.

Delbert Barhydt Jr.

LIGONIER — Delbert Barhydt Jr., 82, of Ligonier and formerly of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, died at 8:32 p.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.



Mr. Barhydt

Mr. Barhydt was a lifetime Noble County resident and had retired from Phelps Dodge in New Haven after 39 years of service.

He was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church, the Kendallville Moose Lodge, the Rome City American Legion Post and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, watching sports, trips to Las Vegas and spending time with his family.

Mr. Barhydt was born March 26, 1922, in Kendallville the son of Delbert Sr. and Cora (Welsh) Barhydt. On Nov. 3, 1946, in Kimmell he married Janice Price. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, David and Linda Barhydt of Goshen, Dennis and Cathy Barhydt of Ligonier, Delaine and Vickie Barhydt of Millersburg, and Doug and Cheryl Barhydt of Leesburg; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Diane and Michael Harlan of Victorville, Calif., Deborah and Jonas Gingerich of Wolf Lake, Dawn and Robert Beer of Pleasant Lake and Denise Schutt and her companion, Jim Lemish, of Kendallville; a sister, Maxine Huff of New Carlisle; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Rose Barhydt of Huntertown; two half brothers, James McKeever and his wife, Betty, of LaOtto and Harold Barhydt of Michigan; 29 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Deloss and Clifford Barhydt, and a sister, Imogene Riehm.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Society or to Parkinsons research.

Eleanor Eash

MIDDLEBURY — Eleanor Eash, 90, of Elkhart and formerly of Middlebury died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center in Elkhart where she had resided since March 12, 2003.

Mrs. Eash

Mrs. Eash had lived most of her life in Middlebury. She was a homemaker and operated Eash Nursery & Garden Center in Elkhart for 10 years. She had also worked as a secretary at Middlebury High School for 12 years.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. She and her husband received the Book of Golden Deeds Award in 1985. She was also a member of the Middlebury Garden Club.

Mrs. Eash was born May 15, 1914, in Goshen the daughter of Floyd and Nellie (Doty) Swinehart, She graduated in 1932 from Goshen High School. On Aug. 11, 1934, in Middlebury she married Ora D. Eash. He died Jan. 10, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles and Marjorie Eash and Carl and Diane Eash, all of Middlebury; two sisters, Ruby Berkey of Goshen and Donna Belle Hostetler of Elkhart; two grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Ray Swinehart; a grandson, Gregory Eash; and a stepgrandson, Duane Kotz.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury. Burial will be in Sugar Grove Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m Friday at Miller-Stewart Funera Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Middlebury Garden Club or to the church.

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Glenn Clark

BUTLER — Glenn D. Clark, 86, of Butler died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at his home in Franklin Township in DeKalb County.

Mr. Clark

Mr. Clark was a farmer in Franklin Township. He served during World War II with the U.S. Army, Company G, 151st Infantry, 38th Division, 2nd Battalion, stationed in Fort Clayton, Panama and Peru, South America. He was discharged as a staff sergeant on Oct. 2, 1945.

He was a member of the Hamilton Church of Christ and American Legion Post 202 of Butler.

He was born Feb. 4, 1918, in Franklin Township to John Clark Jr. and Rhoda (Shultz) Clark.

He married Luella Overholt on Dec. 12, 1944, in Hamilton. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Julia "Judy" Clark of Waterloo; two grandchildren, Andrew Goodwin and his wife, Amy, of Butler and Kasandra Comment of Waterloo; four great-grandchildren, Jon, Malynda and Ashlee Comment and Jeremiah Goodwin; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Donald "Donnie" Clark; one brother, Wayne Clark; and two sisters, Bertha Crowl and Velda Erwin.

Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to Navajo Trails Mission, P.O. Box 579, Winslow, AZ 86047.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct a biographical detail.*

Dorthea Snepp

AUBURN — Dorthea E. Snepp, 88, of Auburn died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Snepp worked as a teller and office assistant at Auburn State Bank for 25 years, retiring in 1975.

She was member of the Eastern Star in Auburn, Kenwigs Literary Club, and Auburn First United Methodist Church.

She was born July 7, 1915, in Garrett. She graduated from Garrett High School in 1933.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Harold "Red" Kessler of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, James G. and Anna Snepp of Fredricktown, Ohio; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Her husband, Frank R. Snepp, died in 2001. She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Roger Gordon.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Dean Cornell

AUBURN — Dean E. Cornell, 76, died Wednesday morning, May 26, 2004, at his rural Auburn home.

Mr. Cornell

He retired from the maintenance department at Phelps Dodge. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and member of the Hoosier Warbirds, Gideons International, and Meese Chapel United Methodist Church. He also attended Hopewell United Brethren Church. He was a 1946 graduate of Spencerville High School.

He was born April 15, 1928, in Auburn, to the late Ernest and Garnet (Dove) Cornell.

Mr. Cornell married Mary Marlene Cook June 2, 1951, at Coburn Corners. She preceded him in death May 15, 2001.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, John and Susan Cornell of Friendswood, Texas, and David and Deb Cornell of Auburn; three daughters and sons-in-law, Deanna and Ken Smith of Santa Monica, Calif., Katy and Gary Fluitt of Golden, Colo., and Betty and John Grawcock of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Beth and Dale Gerig of Sturgis, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; and his faithful companion of the last five years, his dog Tuffy.

Services were Tuesday at Hopewell United Brethren Chuch, Auburn, with the Rev. Eugene Woolever and the Rev. John Erwin officiating. Burial was at Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Gideons, P.O. Box 102, Auburn, or the Hoosier Warbirds at P.O. Box 87, Auburn.

Phyllis Kelly

LIGONIER — Phyllis Ann Kelly, 78, of Ligonier died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Kelly had been a resident of Ligonier since 1956. She was a homemaker and had helped with Girl Scouting.

She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its Ladies Sodality. She was also a member of the Goshen VFW Auxiliary. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends and she loved to dance and garden.

She was born Oct. 19, 1925, in Grafton, Va., the daughter of Leland and Nanette Adelaide (Preiss) Price.

Her husband, Charles Joseph Kelly, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Ronald Paul Kelly and Steven Michael Kelly, both of Cromwell; four daughters, Constance Marie Kelly of LaGrange, Anna Philomena Bechlem of Middlebury, Carol Rae Kelly of Goshen and Angela Nanette Frain of Orland; 20 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Services were Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with Father Fernandes Babasino officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Mae Ratliff

LIGONIER — Mae S. Ratliff, 64, of Ligonier died at 10:22 p.m. Monday, May 31, 2004, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ratliff

Mrs. Ratliff was an inspector at Nisco and enjoyed fishing, quilting, and bird watching.

She had attended the Baptist church.

Mrs. Ratliff was born Nov. 20. 1939, in Big Card, Ky., the daughter of Ollie and Ethel (Hayes) Shortridge. They are deceased.

Surviving are five daughters, Judy Boyd of Syracuse, Mary Cline and Margaret Ratliff, both of Cromwell, and Angela and Rachel Ratliff, both of Fort Wayne; four sons, Walter Ratliff of Wawaka, Joe Ratliff of Ligonier, Russell Ratliff of Topeka and Richard Ratliff of Peru; nine sisters, Stephanie Shortridge of Albion, Joy Anderson of Florida, Mary Lyndsey of Alabama and Betty Garrett, Katie Willis, Zephyr Willis, Alice Ratliff, Sammy Oquinn and Annisteen Birthcett, all of Virginia; 26 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Melanie Ratliff; a son, Robert Ratliff; two brothers, Omel and Don Willis; and a sister, Trella Boyd.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today, Thursday at the Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family to cover expenses.

ADVANCED LEADER

JUNE 3 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

John Garvin

WOLCOTTVILLE — John Lee "Jack" Garvin, 69, of Wolcottville died at 9:35 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at his home following an extensive illness.

Mr. Garvin was the former owner of Indian Lakes Marine and had been employed for more than 18 years in maintenance work at Johnson Controls.

He was a member of St. James Epsicopal Church, American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, the Eagle Lodge in Kendallville, the Moose Lodge in LaGrange, the Masonic Lodge in Ligonier, the Iron Horse Motorcycle Club and a former member of the Eastern Star in Ligonier.

Mr. Garvin was a 1953 graduate of Ligonier High School and attended Tri-State College one year. He served two years in the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 3, 1935, in Columbus, Ind., the son of George and Florence (Westfall) Garvin. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Ligonier. On Dec. 17, 1983, in Goshen he married Betty Petersheim Slabach. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Lisa Garvin of Goshen and Michael and Shireen Garvin of Ft. Eustis, Va.; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and John Racz of Milton, Wash.; two stepsons and their wives, Dean and Judy Slabach of Mishawaka, and Doug and Diane Slabach of Goshen; a stepdaughter and her husband, Tammy and Tom Janes of Ligonier; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Carole and Harvey Bewley of Goshen, Dorothy and Robert Bish of Ligonier and Susan and Don Thuillard of Evans, Wash.; four grandchildren; five stepgrandsons; a great-granddaughter; and two step-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Thursday at St. James Episcopal Church in Goshen with Father Errol Montgomery Jr. of St. James Episcopal Church officiating. Cremation will take place.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. today, Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Hospice, St. James Episcopal Church or Masonic Home Foundation.

Sedric Hontz

Mr. Hontz

KIMMELL — Sedric Dale Hontz, 93, of Kimmell died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at 5 p.m. in Avalon Village, Ligonier.

Mr. Hontz was a retired farmer, proprietor of the Hontz Blueberry Marsh and a former bus driver. He was a past Washington Township Trustee. He was member of Ormas Baptist Church, where he had served as deacon and adult Sunday school teacher.

Mr. Hontz enjoyed his church, farming, baseball, horses and fishing.

He was born July 13, 1910, in Kimmell to Jonathon A. and Pearl C. (Todd) Hontz.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth Elda Hontz of Kimmell; two daughters and sons-in-law, Reva and Richard Edwards of Kimmell and Cyrena and Ray Hoffeditz of Pittsboro; a son, Stephen Dale Hontz of Kimmell; a sister, Erma Stump; a brother-in-law, Lew Wolfe; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Claire Wolfe; two grandsons; a great-grandson; two brothers and five sisters.

Services were Monday at Ormas Baptist Church, with the Rev. Michael Allen officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church.

ADVANCED LEADER

JUNE 3 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Mary Heltzel-Lewis

LIGONIER — Mary C. K. Heltzel-Lewis, 76, of Ligonier died Friday, May 28, 2004, at her residence.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis

She was a lifetime resident of Noble and Whitley counties, and had been em-ployed at Essex Wire, the Ligonier Advance-Leader, newspaper and Roofing Products International.

Mrs. Heltzel-Lewis was a member of the Wawaka United Methodist Church, Wawaka, the Yarley Club, wrote poetry all her life and enjoyed poetry readings. She also enjoyed playing cards and traveling, and was a loyal friend and loved her family.

She was born July 31, 1927, in Whitley County the daughter of Lewis E. and Mary Etta (McClure) Krotzer. She married Claude Heltzel on Sept. 29, 1946, in Rome City. He preceded her in death. On Dec. 12, 1994, she married Howard Lewis. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve W. and Mary Ann Heltzel of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Nellie S. and Harold Collins, Kendallville, and Gloria D. and Bill Combs, Wolcottville; two stepsons and their spouses, Jim H. and Ann Lewis, Arlington, Texas, and Rick L. and Carol Lewis, Albion; a stepdaughter, Robyn J. Godfrey, North Webster; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Doris Fordeck and Margaret E. Chaffee, both of Kendallville, and Marie (her twin) and Don Faulkner, Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Lewis E. and Irene Krotzer of Miami, Fla.;14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Martin Krotzer, and three sisters, Helen Sobel, Alice Kring and Mae Demalski.

Services were Wednesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Jimmy Robbins officiating. Burial was in Cosperville Cemetery, Wawaka.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Kenney Park, Ligonier.

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June 4 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Jerry Spaw

AVILLA — Jerry Lynn Spaw, 63, of Avilla died at 8:10 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Spaw

Mr. Spaw was a self-employed body shop owner. He had retired early from Navistar.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing, working on cars and spending time with his family.

He was born Sept. 27, 1940, in Fort Wayne, the son of Ralph and Betsy (Miller) Spaw. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Avilla. On April 5, 1958, in Fort Wayne he married Penny Sample. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Terry Holsinger of Mongo; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Holly Spaw of Avilla, Jerry and Beth Spaw of Kendallville and Jon and Lisa Spaw of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Eileen Graham of Fort Wayne and Patricia and Mark Wilkinson of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Marcia Spaw of Wolcottville and Stephen and Jeanne Spaw of Culver; 14 grandchildren, Ashley, Zachary, Shelby, and Carly Holsinger, Natalie Ward, and Jordon, Chelsea, Joel, Sami, Nicole, Caitlin, Erica, Cory and Jon-Matthew Spaw.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Griebel and the Rev. Tyler Ward officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Avilla Cemetery.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Florence Schoonover

EDGERTON, Ohio — Florence M. Schoonover, 94, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at 1:40 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Schoonover was a former resident of rural Butler, She was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Oct. 30, 1909, in Florence Township near Edon, Ohio, to Homer and Grace (Connolly) Zeiter.

She married Harley Schoonover on Sept. 3, 1930, in Defiance, Ohio. He died April 14, 2000.

Surviving are one son, Jim Schoonover of Barnhart, Mo.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janet and Walter Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ruth and Jerry Hamman of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren and more than 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, four grandchildren, one daughter, Jane Ball, and one son, Herbert Schoonover.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. Indiana time in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton. Pastor Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton.

Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to Schoonoverfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Dr. Robert Dodd

LEBANON, Ill. — Dr. Robert Darr Dodd, 85, of Lebanon, died Monday, May 31, 2004, in Cedar Ridge Health Care in Lebanon.

Dr. Dodd had served on the staff of Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend, Ind.

He had been a member of the St. Joseph County (Ind.) Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society.

He was born Nov. 29, 1918, in Johnstown, Pa., the son of Edward and Elsa (Darr) Dodd. He graduated in 1944 from Indiana University Medical School. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Eileen (Clarke) Dodd of O'Fallon, Ill., and Jeffery Dodd of Wilmette, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Mary Jane Carmichael of Ligonier, Ind.; a grandson, Andrew Robert Dodd of O'Fallon; and a granddaughter, Tess Elizabeth Dodd of O'Fallon.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Harriett June Jackson Dodd, and a brother, Edward Dodd.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will take place at a later date at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Cedar Ridge Health Care Center.

Elsie Gibson

WOLCOTTVILLE — Elsie Gibson, 90, of Wolcottville died at 9:15 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004, at LifeCare Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Gibson

Mrs. Gibson was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking, baking and caring for her family.

She had retired from a factory where she made electric cord sets.

Mrs. Gibson had lived in Wolcottville since 1954 and a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was born Jan. 5, 1914, in Knott County, Ky., the daughter of Jasper and Fairlena (Napier) Moore. On March 30, 1943, in Knott County she married Sam Gibson. He died July 11, 1986.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Tina Gibson of Wolcottville; two daughters-in-law, Judy Jones of Sturgis, Mich., and Lorena Gibson of Steinbarger Lake; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Chester Moore of Wolcottville and Dalton Ray and Jeanette Moore of Rome City; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nellie Marie Sturdivant and Lucinia and Lee Combs, all of Wolcottville; two half sisters, Irene and Yvonne, both of Kentucky; a niece, Cappy Fields of Rome City; 12 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, Fred "Johnnie" Jones and Greg "Hoot" Gibson; three sisters, Lilly, Violet Sturdivant and Iolet Lovely; two grandsons, Jack Gibson and Ronnie Jordan; two great-grandsons; a stepgrandson; and a half sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with Elders Russell Hicks and Larry Dixon officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

Elma Ryan

FORT WAYNE — Elma H. Ryan, 87, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, June 2, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ryan was born in Melbern, Ohio. She was a homemaker and a past member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles in LaGrange.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Shari and Jerry Ranney and Margie and Gerald Somers, all of Fort Wayne; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Nihl and Dennis Ryan, both of Fort Wayne, and John and Sue Ryan of Kennard; a stepson, Bob Ryan of Pennsylvania; 32 grandchildren and many great- and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard, in 1982; a son, a stepson, two grandchildren and a companion.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Broadway Christian Church, Fort Wayne. Calling is Monday from 1 to 3 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements are being handled by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Kathryn Zelonis

ATLANTA, Ga. — Kathryn L. Zelonis, 88, of Atlanta, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at Westminster Commons in Atlanta.

Mrs. Zelonis had retired in 1981 as a lab technician with St. Joseph Hospital.

She was a member of Grace-St. John United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Zelonis was a native of Kendallville.

Surviving are a daughter, Marcia Dearborn of Marietta, Ga.; a brother, Jackson Zimmerman of Fort Wayne, Ind.; three grandsons, Jason, Edward and David, all of Atlanta; and a granddaughter-in-law, Melissa Bennett of Atlanta.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Josephine Rowe and Genevieve David.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Sunday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

A graveside service will be at noon Sunday at South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to S.P.C.A. or the Allen County Humane Society.

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June 4 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Lillian Perkins

LAGRANGE — Lillian M. Perkins, 95, of LaGrange died at 4 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Perkins was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of East Springfield United Methodist Church and the Ladies Aid of the church.

She was born April 10, 1909, in LaGrange County the daughter of Henry and Effie (Wade) Spears. On April 24, 1937, in Brushy Prairie she married L. Roger Perkins. He died March 31, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Lee Perkins of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Linda Sue Perkins of Auburn; two granddaughters and their husbands, Rhonda and David Vian and Robin and Kevin Heller, all of Auburn; seven great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, Jimmie H. Perkins and Bill R. Perkins; and a brother, Wade Spears.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Carldeen Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to East Springfield United Methodist Church.

Larry Harrold

FORT WAYNE — Larry D. Harrold, 61, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Garrett, he was a truck driver with NAPA, retiring after 10 years of service. He also worked at Wayne Warehouse for 20 years and was a member of Crossroads Church.

He was an Indiana University fan and loved spending time with his granddaughter and playing with his dog, Nikko.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Tammy Harrold of Fort Wayne; one granddaughter, Jayme; and a sister and brother-in-law, Vonda and John Roop of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sandra E. Harrold, earlier this year.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Crossroads Church.

Donald Becher

FREMONT — Donald Eugene Becher, 76, of Fremont, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Becher was born April 9, 1928, in Neptune, Ohio, to Albert and Mary (Merinar) Becher. He was married to Bonnie Stuck on Sept. 8, 1950. She survives.

He farmed his own land since 1954. He grew potatoes and strawberries.

Also surviving are six daughters, Cheryl Lytle, Kirsten Becher, Gina Miller and Michelle Hart, all of Fremont, Anita Hickman of Angola and Sandra Badders of Quincy, Mich.; a sister, Wilma May of Littleton, Colo.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Paul Becher; and a sister, Mary Dixon.

No services or calling are planned.

Arrangements were handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Berlin Hasch

ANGOLA — Berlin Frederick Hasch, 51, of Angola died Friday, April 23, 2004.

Mr. Hasch was a member of the Sheridan Terrace Baptist Church where he was baptized.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and racing, and he loved his family and friends.

Mr. Hasch is survived by relatives in Angola: his wife, Rosalynda Shatto, whom he married in March 1980; three daughters, Rachel, Angela and Crystal Hasch; one son, Fred Hasch II; and one grandson, Fred Hasch III.

He is also survived by three brothers, Glen Hasch of Michigan, Robert Hasch and his wife, Judy, of Florida, John Hasch and his wife, Helen, of Indiana; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Dora Hankey of Indiana, Sue and Don Dasher and Mahala Ann Hasch, all of Michigan; many nieces and nephews in Florida, Michigan and Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Archie and Bertha Scott; his paternal grandparents, Albert and Berniece Hasch; his mother, M. Berniece Hasch; his father, Alvin L. Hasch; two nieces, Donna Dasher and Cathrine F. Hasch; a sister-in-law, Eva Hasch; a brother-in-law, Lauren Hankey; his maternal aunt and uncle, Miriam (Scott) and Clarence Fournier; his paternal aunt and uncle, Hazel (Hasch) and Burl Cordury.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to Gideon's.

Condolences may be made through Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson at johnson@bnin.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to provide information about calling.*

Lillian Perkins

LAGRANGE — Lillian M. Perkins, 95, of LaGrange died at 4 a.m. Thursday, June 3, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Perkins was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of East Springfield United Methodist Church and the Ladies Aid of the church.

She was born April 10, 1909, in LaGrange County, the daughter of Henry and Effie (Wade) Spears. On April 24, 1937, in Brushy Prairie she married L. Roger Perkins. He died March 31, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Linda Lee Perkins of Sturgis, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Linda Sue Perkins of Auburn; two granddaughters and their husbands, Rhonda and David Vian and Robin and Kevin Heller, all of Auburn; seven great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Also preceding her in death were two sons, Jimmie H. Perkins and Bill R. Perkins; and a brother, Wade Spears.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Carldeen Merrifield officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery in LaGrange.

Memorials are to East Springfield United Methodist Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with revised information about relatives.*

Florence Schoonover

EDGERTON, Ohio — Florence M. Schoonover, 94, died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at 1:40 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton, where she was a resident.

Mrs. Schoonover was a former resident of rural Butler, She was a homemaker and a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born Oct. 30, 1909, in Florence Township near Edon, Ohio, to Homer and Grace (Connolly) Zeiter.

She married Harley Schoonover on Sept. 3, 1930, in Defiance, Ohio. He died April 14, 2000.

Surviving are one son, Jim Schoonover of Barnhart, Mo.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Walter Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio, and Ruth and Jerry Hamman of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Walter Bennett of Montpelier, Ohio and Ruth and Jerry Hamman of Kendallville; 25 grandchildren and more than 25 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, four grandchildren, one daughter, June Ball, and one son, Herbert Schoonover.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton. Pastor Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Grove Cemetery of Edgerton.

Calling will be today from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

Condolences may be sent to Schoonoverfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

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James Keyes

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dr. James L. Keyes Jr., 76, of Columbus, Ohio, died at 3:15 a.m. Friday, June 4, 2004, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus.

Dr. Keyes served on the board of directors of the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped under President George H. W. Bush in 1990.

He was an active social club member throughout his life with membership and participation in the Boy Scouts of America, the Kappa Sigma Fraternity during his time at Wabash College, Kiwanis, Junior Chamber of Commerce president, the Indiana Chapter for Mental Health and Mentally Handicapped, as leader of the Columbus, Ohio, Mayor's Task Force at the City Garage and as founding president of the Columbus, Ohio, Landmarks Foundation.

He was a member of the Scioto County Club and the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder.

Dr. Keyes served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after receiving his MBA from Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration in 1952. His MBA joined a bachelor's degree from the college in 1950 and an honorary doctor of laws degree from Wabash College in 1987.

He retired in 1996 from a varied career spanning sales and management positions in Ohio, Columbus, Ind., and Minnesota.

He was born on April 27, 1928, in Peru, Ind., to J. Lyman and Mary Edith (Weigel) Keyes. He graduated from Peru High School in 1946.

He is survived by a sister and her spouse, Mary Keyes and Terry Temple of Peru; a brother and his spouse, Dr. Robert Coleman and Joline Keyes of Fort Wayne; two nieces, Anne Keyes Vogt of Estes Park, Colo. and Elizabeth Temple Keyes of Apex, N.C.; four nephews, Robert C. Keyes Jr. of Thornville, Ohio, Jeffrey Keyes and his wife, Lisa, of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, James Robert Temple of Lafayette and John Michael Temple and his wife, Janine, of Angola; two great-nieces, three great-nephews and a stepgreat-niece.

Services will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Peru with the Rev. John Hess officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru.

Burial will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Peru.

Memorials are to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Betty L. Nesbitt** were held at 11 a.m. May 28 at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating.

Burial was in South Milford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Richie Amstutz, John Lange, Bryson Nesbitt, Jason Anderson, Travis Mortimore, R.J. Frick and Seth Dunafin.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Alice Huth** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating.

Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla.

Pallbearers were Al Huth, Joe Huth, Michael Huth, Patrick Huth, Jerry Huth and Thomas Huth.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

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Sattison gives body for use at IU

BY MICHAEL MARTURELLO
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ANGOLA — About 10 years ago, Marilyn Anne Sattison asked her son, Michael, to help her with some arrangements for when she passed on.

Among them, she wanted to donate her body to science, Michael said, so he did what was necessary, not thinking twice about it.

When Mrs. Sattison, 77, died on Friday, May 28, 2004, her body was transported to Indiana University Medical Center, Indianapolis, where it will remain for up to two years for training of medical students.

"It was something she was very adamant about. It was just something she wanted to do," Michael said.

Mrs. Sattison lived her life in the Steuben County and DeKalb County area. She was born in Waterloo, the daughter of Carl and Ida (Fulk) Luce.

Michael said his mother was very giving, and her desire to have her body used for science was an extension of that.

"Even though I helped her set this up about 10 years ago, she never really went into it and I didn't ask her why," Michael said. "She just thought that was the thing to do, that people would benefit from you."

Mrs. Sattison was a retired bus driver for the Metropolitan School District of Steuben County. She enjoyed crafts, which she made and sold from her home.

She also is survived by two daughters, Marianne Shafer, Fort Wayne, and Sara Strock, Crossville, Tenn. She was preceded in death by a sister, Susanne Berger.

Once IU has completed its use of Mrs. Sattison's body, she will be cremated and her ashes will be sent back to northeast Indiana. At that time, a memorial service will be held at Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Hall's heart 'went out to those in need'

BY AMY OBERLIN
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ANGOLA — After a long fight with cancer, 31-year-old Amy Marie Hall died Tuesday at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis.

Hall lived in nearby Montgomery, Mich., though many of her family members live in the Pleasant Lake area, said her fiance Jason Rushing. She has four brothers — Dale, Michael, Duane and Jay — and nieces and nephews.

Her mother, Marie, died of cancer when Hall was an infant, said Rushing. Her father and an infant daughter, Faith, also preceded her in death.

Hall loved children, Rushing said, and cared for her brother, Dale's, children while he served in Iraq. She was a certified midwife and taught Sunday school.

"Her heart always went out to those in need and she always put others first," said obituary information prepared by friend Dawn Winebrenner of Michigan. "She touched so many hearts and will remain in our hearts and minds. Amy would love for everyone to remember before her sickness and all the good times she had with all."

After her illness came to light, Hall was active in the fight to understand and cure cancer. "She was always doing something for the Cancer Foundation, running in the marathon in the U.P. (Michigan's upper peninsula)," said Rushing.

Hall gave her body to science, Rushing said, so no funeral services are scheduled at this time. Memorials are to be made to the Cancer Foundation.

Madeline Dose

AUBURN — Madeline M. Dose, 92, died at 2:45 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, 2004, at home in Auburn.

Mrs. Dose

Before retirement, Mrs. Dose worked as a ward clerk at DeKalb Memorial Hospital for 20 years. A lifetime DeKalb County resident, she was a member of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett.

She was born June 1, 1912, in Garrett to August and Minnie (Diederich) Gael. She married Emil H. Dose on Sept. 27, 1936. He preceded her in death on June 11, 1999.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Arnold and Velda Dose of Fremont; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Karen and Craig Wrogeman of Lake George; a grandson, Ronald Dose of Fort Wayne; a great-grandson, Philip Wrogeman of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Lloyd Gael of Garrett.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Helen Weldon.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett. Pastor Jeffrey Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and one hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Garrett, Lake George Lutheran Chapel in Fremont and DeKalb County Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Duane Kirk

LAOTTO — Duane Kirk, 65, died at 2:37 a.m. Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kirk

Before retiring in 2002, Mr. Kirk was a Chrysler mechanic for over 40 years. He was a life member of the North American Fishing Club. He loved his grandchildren, as well as fishing, hunting and mowing with his John Deere tractor.

He was born March 21, 1939, in Kendallville to Clair Lloyd and Mary Lucille (Samsel) Kirk. He married Norma Sorg on Sept. 10, 1960, in Kendallville. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Dewayne Allen Kirk of Rome City; a daughter, Lisa Vance of LaOtto; four grandchildren, Ann Kirk, Christopher Kirk, Michael Vance and Kris Vance; five great-grandchildren, Chase Vance, Brandon Vance, Emily Vance, David Alleshouse and Devin Alleshouse; a sister, Sharon S. Wolfe of Chicago; and a brother, Phillip J. Kirk of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Chad Vance.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home Avilla Chapel. Father Daniel Durkin will officiate. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

James Nei

COLUMBIA CITY — James Phillip Nei, 70, of Columbia City died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Before retirement, Mr. Nei worked for Dana Weatherhead for 13 years, KBK Vending for 15 years and Stafco for a few years. He was a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks 1417, Eagles 1906 and American Legion Post 98. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born July 10, 1933, at Linvill Hospital in Columbia City to Fred and Ruth (Bills) Nei. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1951. He enlisted in the Navy on June 4, 1951, served on the U.S.S. Markab and was honorably discharged on June 4, 1954.

He married Peggy A. Raypole on June 29, 1957, in Columbia City. She preceded him in death on Dec. 24, 2001.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, James M. Nei of Columbia City and Jon M. and Deanna Nei of Albion; a daughter, Cheryl A. Houlihan of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Ethan Nei, Bianca Nei, Caylie Houlihan, Collin Houlihan, Kyle Houlihan and Connor Houlihan; and a sister, Marianne Clark of Columbia City.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Nei and Thomas Nei.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The American Legion Post 98 will present military honor immediately following.

Calling will be 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice Home.

Karen Smith

COLON, Mich. — Karen G. Smith, 62, died at 2:13 p.m. Michigan time on Friday, June 4, 2004, at Sturgis Hospital in Sturgis, Mich. Her death was unexpected and was due to natural causes.

Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith had been a co-owner with her husband of Holly Patch Nursery in Elkhart and Autumn Ridge Nursery in Middlebury. She had been a realtor for Century 21 in Sturgis and had worked at Freeman Manufacturing in Sturgis. Most recently, she helped manage Bisel's Dime Store in Colon.

She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury, where she was active in the Stephens Ministry. She moved to Colon in 1980 from Middlebury.

She was born July 14, 1941, in Goshen to Dellos and Veda (Cripe) Chiddister. She married Richard A. Smith on Feb. 10, 1963, in Middlebury. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Elaine and Bryan Dibble of Sturgis; a son, Michael Smith of Chicago; and two granddaughters, Kaitlin Cook and Kerragen Dibble.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carlisle Chiddister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time Tuesday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Middlebury. Senior Pastor James F. Simpson and Pastor Thomas Herbon will officiate. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be 3 to 8 p.m. Indiana time Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Colon Public Library building fund or St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

John Donnelly

ANGOLA — John J. Donnelly, 76, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab in Angola.

Before retiring in 1990, Mr. Donnelly was a civil engineer for the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church and served in the Coast Guard during WWII.

He was born Dec. 30, 1927, in New Haven, Conn., to John J. Donnelly Sr. and Catherine (Malley) Donnelly. He married Barbara (Brokaw) Donnelly. She preceded him in death on May 20, 1994.

He is survived by a daughter, Mary Melinda Donnelly of Angola, and two sisters, Mary E. Donnelly of Arlington, Va., and Jane Murray of Daytona Beach, Fla.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen Hicks.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Father Fred Pasche will officiate. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be 2 to 4 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are donor's choice.

Bernice High

FORT WAYNE — Bernice M. High, 74, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 4, 2004.

Mrs. High, a native of Auburn, was a homemaker and an avid bridge player.

She is survived by two sons, Allen K. High Jr. of Fort Wayne and Ed High of Huntington; seven daughters, Amanda High, Denise Hoskins and Connie Christman, all of Fort Wayne, Georgianna Bates of Texas, Dr. Bonnie Harrison of Paragon, Darlene Herring of Springfield, Md., and Annette Simmons of Kendallville; a brother, Armand F. Williams Jr. of Cincinnati, Ohio; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allen K. High Sr., and her sister, Beverly Byrge.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at C.M. Slone & Sons Funeral Home in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Healthcare & Hospice.

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Amy Hall

INDIANAPOLIS — Amy Marie Hall, 31, of Montgomery, Mich., died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis. She succumbed to cancer following a long illness.

She was born Jan. 1, 1973, to Andrew and Marie Hall.

Miss Hall worked as a nurse and taught Sunday school. She was a certified midwife and loved children.

She is survived by four brothers, Dale, Michael, Duane and Jay, all of Angola; three sister-in-laws, Shery, Barbie and Allison, of Angola; a fiance, Jason Rushing of Pensacola, Fla.; a friend, Dawn Winebrenner; and some nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Faith Ann.

No services or visitation are scheduled.

Memorials are to the Cancer Foundation.

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Richard Ensley

WOLCOTTVILLE — Richard E. Ensley, 71, of Wolcottville died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ensley served as a corporate secretary with John Dehner Inc. for 42 years.

A native of Fort Wayne, he was a graduate of South Side High School and International Business College. He was a U.S. Army Korean War-era veteran.

He was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church near Stroh and a longtime member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church. He was a life member of VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 82, and the advisory board of the Anthony Wayne Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Surviving are his wife, Carol, of Wolcottville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Terrie Ensley of Fort Wayne and Phillip and Joy Ensley of Elkhart; a daughter, Lisa Ensley of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, John Ensley of Fort Wayne and Kenneth Ensley of Wylie, Texas; a sister, Jean McQueen of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by five brothers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1705 S. Anthony Blvd. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Bethlehem Lutheran Church of the Boy Scouts of America Camp Endowment Fund.

Carrol Weck

WATERLOO — Carrol L. Weck, 69, of Waterloo died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Waterloo.

Mrs. Weck was a homemaker. She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and a past president of the Butler Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 29, 1935, in Fort Wayne to Lester L. and Mabel B. (Williams) Rine.

She married Philip Weck on June 15, 1985, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Charlie Duszynski of Waterloo; three stepdaughters, Elizabeth Long of Auburn, Cathy Kistler of Kentucky and Debra Moughler of Butler; one brother and sister-in-law, Terry and Donna Rine of Fort Wayne; one granddaughter and six stepgrandchildren.

Her first husband, Pete Blaine, died March 17, 1981.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to muscular dystrophy charities or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Beulah Rosenogle

ALBION — Beulah A. Rosenogle, 88, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Rosenogle was a homemaker and a farmer.

She was born Feb. 9, 1916, in Allen County to Floyd and Altha (Feighner) Wilcoxson. On July 31, 1933, she married Lionel Rosenogle. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother-in-law, Ernest Johnson of Fort Wayne; three sisters-in-law, Barbara Wilcoxson of Florida, Magie Wilcoxson of Avilla, and Colleen Wilcoxson of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Leroy Rosenogle; two sisters, Opel Nesbitt and Audrey Johnson; and four brothers, Lloyd, Carl, Paul and Ralph Wilcoxson.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Meals on Wheels of Noble County.

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Evelyn McDonald

ALBION — Evelyn L. McDonald, 81, of Albion died at 7:15 a.m. Saturday, June 5, 2004, in the critical care unit at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. McDonald

Mrs. McDonald was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She had retired in 1987 after 29 years of service at Silgan Plastics, formerly Monsanto.

She was a member of the Noble County Historical Society and the Noble County Extension Homemakers Club. She enjoyed sewing, flower gardening and reading.

Mrs. McDonald was born June 28, 1922, in Green Township to Earl and Vera Wanda (Bower) Brown Wolfe. On May 15, 1941, in Brimfield, she married Charles "Chick" McDonald. He died in November 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Charlotte and Don Landers of Corunna, Carol Ann and Gary Coney of Albion, and Pamela Sue and Doug Cable of Cree Lake, Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles Lee and Georgia McDonald and Earl Duane and Cheryl McDonald, all of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a grandson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Steve Jacobs officiating. Burial will be in Rehoboth Cemetery, rural Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society.

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2 drown in separate accidents

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Teen, toddler victims in weekend tragedies

MILLERSBURG — A 20-month-old Cromwell boy and an 18-year-old Howe teenager drowned Sunday in separate area accidents.

Irvin J. Troyer, 18, of the 1000 block of West C.R. 450N, Howe, accidentally drowned while swimming with friends in a pond on the Elkhart-LaGrange county line Sunday afternoon.

Also on Sunday, emergency responders went to a home in the 9000 block of East C.R. 1050N in Kosciusko County, just west of the Noble County line, after a 911 call alerted them to a drowning at a family pool at 12:38 p.m.

Syracuse emergency personnel took Corbin Yoder, 20 months, to Goshen General Hospital. He was later transferred to Memorial Hospital of South Bend where he died at 5:50 p.m.

According to Yoder's father, two of the boy's older siblings were supervising him when they apparently left for a few minutes. The boy was found in the pool face up and discolored.

In the Howe teen's drowning, Troyer was pronounced dead at the scene after divers found his body in a small pond on the Elkhart County side of LaGrange C.R. 1200W, known in Elkhart County as East County Line Road, according to Capt. Albert Kemper of the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department.

The drowning was ruled accidental by Elkhart County Coroner Jeff Landrum, Kemper said.

The Elkhart County sheriff's dive team found Troyer floating in about 7 feet of murky water at 2:45 p.m. Sunday, two

ACCIDENTS: *Teen was found 10 to 15 feet from shore*

hours after Troyer's friends saw him go under the water while the group of eight teenagers were swimming.

Police were contacted about a possible drowning at 12:46 p.m. after Troyer never resurfaced. Attempts by his seven friends, ages 16 to 19, to find him failed because of the murky water.

"His friends tried to find him, but couldn't and ran to the house to call 911," Kemper said.

The pond was described as between 60 and 90 feet in diameter with a maximum depth of 18 feet.

Troyer was found 10 to 15 feet from the west side of the pond.

"The divers said the water was so murky they couldn't see their hand in front of their face," Kemper said.

With witnesses directing divers to the location Troyer was last seen, divers took about five minutes to find the young man's body, dressed in his pants but with no shoes or shirt.

Troyer, a member of the Amish community, worked at Indian Trail Furniture with his father.

His obituary is found on Page A4 today.

Valette Worman

HAMILTON — Valette Worman, 84, of Hamilton died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Worman

Mrs. Worman was the former nutrition director for the Fort Wayne Senior Citizens Center. She was a member of the Hamilton Lake Fish and Game Club, a former member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Sodality, Fort Wayne, and a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo.

She was born March 23, 1920, in Fort Wayne, to Clarence and Adele (Galland) Lomont.

She married Garland F. Worman on July 4, 1941, in St. Peter's Catholic Church of Fort Wayne. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sandy and Bob Matthys of Westville and Peggy and Paul Hayden of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and two spouses, Angie and Kriss Noel, Scott Matthys, Richard and Debbie Matthys, Michelle Hayden, Nicky Hayden, Tony Hayden and Suzie Hayden; four great-grandchildren, Jonah Noel, Rachel Noel, Jacob Noel and Stephanie Matthys; and several nieces and nephews. She enjoyed the company of a family pet dog, Lexus.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a stillborn son, two brothers, Richard and Thomas Lomont, and a sister, Georgian Seimet.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo. Father David Carkenord will officiate. Burial will be in Fort Wayne Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

A rosary service will begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Northeast Indiana Kidney Center Renal Care Group or Masses.

David Hall

WILLIS, Texas — David Hall, 60, of Willis, Texas, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at his home after a short, but fierce, battle with lung cancer.

Mr. Hall was born March 25, 1944, in Auburn. He spent most of his adult life as a truck driver and was known to many as "Super Dave." He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his soulmate and wife of 16 years, Penny; his mother, Ruth; two sons, James and Timothy Hall of Fort Wayne; four stepchildren, Brian, Joseph, Tina and Kimberly Embrey; and numerous friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, Willard Hall; his first wife of 24 years, Dianna; and a son, Michael.

Services were conducted Monday at Addison-Smith Funeral Home in Willis, Texas.

Calling will be Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A graveside service will follow at 2:30 p.m. in Butler Cemetery.

Benjamin Ford

FORT WAYNE — Benjamin I. Ford, 84, of Fort Wayne and Lime Lake, died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ford was born in Danville on July 21, 1919, to the Rev. Dr. Charles C. and Eva L. (Miller) Ford. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and retired as manager of purchasing for Fruehauf Corp. in 1982 after 40 years.

He was a member of First Wayne Street United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne, American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland, DAV Chapter No. 40 in Fort Wayne and American Ex-POW's, Old Fort Chapter.

Surviving are his wife, Thelma H. Stahl; three sons, Jake F. Ford of Beaverton, Ore. and Paul D. Ford and Larry L. Ford, both of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Jeffrey Stahl of South Whitley and Gary Stahl of New Haven; a stepdaughter, Lisa Ray of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Lois Godlove of Columbus, Ohio and Ethel Zimmer of Delaware, Ohio; two grandchildren, eight stepgrandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Paul C. Ford, and two sisters, Katherine Bonnell and Edith Biddle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., and Thursday one hour before services.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne, with military honors.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice or First Wayne Street United Methodist Church.

Mary Hoffman

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Mary Frances Hoffman, 89, of Montpelier died unexpectedly Saturday evening, June 5, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Hoffman was a retired junior high school English teacher, having taught a number of years at the Kunkle Building of North Central Schools and the Superior Building of Montpelier Schools.

She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Montpelier and the Bridgewater Ladies Aid. She was a liaison between senior citizens groups and the Office of Aging in Toledo, Ohio, for several years.

She was a graduate of Valley High School in West Terre Haute and a 1933 graduate of Indiana State University. She had been a Montpelier-area resident since 1945.

She was born Feb. 17, 1915, in West Terre Haute, Ind., to Elizabeth Jane (Kennedy) and James Franklin Barr.

She was married to Frank A. Hoffman. He died in August 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Tony Pignataro of Defiance, Ohio, and Margaret and David Lee of Hamilton; two stepsons and their wives, Frank Hoffman Jr. and Evelyn Hoffman of Mentor, Ohio, and Bill and LaDonna Hoffman of Coldwater, Mich.; six grandchildren, 13 stepgrandchildren, two great-grandchildren, 21 stepgreat-grandchildren and four stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Robbie Hoffman, in 1965, a stepgrandson, Larry Winright; a brother, Kenneth Barr, and a sister, Margaret Blakely.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at St. John's Lutheran Church in Montpelier, with Pastor John Crilley officiating.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of Montpelier.

Calling will be today from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. (Indiana times) at Wilson-Geesey Funeral Home, 335 Empire St., Montpelier.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Mary Jane Reinhart

BUTLER — Mary Jane Reinhart, 87, of Butler, died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at her home in Butler.

Mrs. Reinhart was a homemaker.

She was born Dec. 22, 1916, in Fort Wayne to Benjamin F. and Mary E. (Munger) Maggert.

She married V.M. "Red" Reinhart in Fort Wayne. He died March 17, 1984.

Surviving are two nieces, Julie Berta of South Bend and Sue Cummins of Fort Collins, Colo; two nephews, Joel Veach of South Bend and Kent Maggert of Houston; and a brother-in-law, Charles D. Veach of South Bend.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Robert Maggert, and two sisters, Florence Carothers and Laura Belle Veach.

Services will be Friday at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Beulah Rosenogle

ALBION — Beulah A. Rosenogle, 88, of Albion died at 11 p.m. Friday, June 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Rosenogle

Mrs. Rosenogle was a homemaker and a farmer.

She was born Feb. 9, 1916, in Allen County to Floyd and Altha (Feighner) Wilcoxson. On July 31, 1933, she married Lionel Rosenogle. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother-in-law, Ernest Johnson of Fort Wayne; three sisters-in-law, Barbara Wilcoxson of Florida, Maggie Wilcoxson of Avilla, and Colleen Wilcoxson of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Leroy Rosenogle; two sisters, Opal Nesbitt and Audrey Johnson; and four brothers, Lloyd, Carl, Paul and Ralph Wilcoxson.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco.

Memorials are to Meals on Wheels of Noble County.

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Irvin Troyer

HOWE — Irvin Jay Troyer, 18, of Howe died Sunday, June 6, 2004, in an accidental drowning at a pond on East County Line Road in Elkhart County near Millersburg.

Mr. Troyer had worked with his father at home for Indian Trail Furniture, a woodworking shop.

He was taking instruction to join the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Troyer was born June 1, 1986, in LaGrange to William J. and Phyllis Ann (Yoder) Troyer. They survive in Howe.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mary Etta, Sarah Ann and Wanda Troyer, all at home; four brothers, Alan, Norman, John and Lavern Troyer, all at home; his grandparents, John E. and Lydia W. Troyer of LaGrange and Merle I. and Shirley Ann Yoder of Colon, Mich.; his great-grandparents, Jacob and Clara Bontrager of Colon; and a special friend, Judy Graber of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by an uncle, Samuel Troyer.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family home at 1850 W. C.R. 450N with Bishop Perry Whetstone and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be all day today at the family home.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Charles Lamb

HAMILTON — Charles Kent Lamb, 59, of Hamilton died Sunday, June 6, 2004, at home.

Mr. Lamb was born June 29, 1944, in Kokomo. He retired from International Harvester in 2001 after 35 years of service.

He was a member of the Harlan Church of Christ, Anthony Lodge No. 455 F. & A.M., Dayton Valley Scottish Rite and U.A.W. Local No. 402.

Surviving are his wife, Pamela; a daughter and son-in-law, Christine R. and Terry Hursh of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Charles W. and Lisa Lamb of Napa, Calif.; his father, Charles J. Lamb of Harlan; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Edith A. and Virgil Fojtik and Toni L. and Rex Bergman, all of Harlan; a brother and sister-in-law, John C. and Lan Lamb of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Michelle Chapman of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Christopher Kruse of Antwerp, Ohio; six grandchildren and six stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan. Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Harlan Memorial Cemetery, Harlan.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

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Doris Reichard

COLDWATER, Mich. — Doris M. Reichard, 76, of Coldwater, Mich., died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Reichard was born Nov. 20, 1927, in Hamlin, Mich., to William and Sophia (Meddaco) LaHaye. She was married to Kenneth Ray Reichard on June 28, 1949, in Van Wert, Ohio. He preceded her in death on June 22, 2002.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawas, and her hobbies included playing the guitar, bingo, sewing and gardening.

Surviving are two daughters, Darleen Martin and Shirley Brauker, both of Coldwater; a son, Alan Ray Reichard of Coldwater; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Austen Brauker officiating. Calling will be Friday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Eloise Etter

FORT WAYNE — Eloise D. Etter, 86, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Etter was a homemaker and had worked for Kmart for 16 years, retiring in 1982. She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Surviving are her husband, William Etter; a daughter, Vicki Harden of Fort Wayne; a son, Larry Etter of Auburn; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Eleanor Baker of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

Janice Petrie

ALBION — Janice M. Petrie, 62, of Albion died at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

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R. Dale Weimer

BERNE – R. Dale Weimer, 94, of Berne died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at Swiss Village in Berne.

Mr. Weimer was a retired teacher. He had taught in Adams, Noble and Whitley counties. He was a graduate of Albion High School and Ball State University.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a member of Albion American Legion Post 246.

Mr. Weimer enjoyed gardening and being a member of the Lucky Stamp Club. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

He was born November 14, 1909, in Noble County to William S.K. and Nettie (Barr) Weimer. On June 6, 1949, in Muncie he married Mildred Ozbun. She survives.

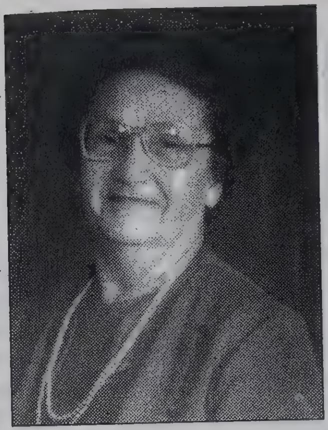
Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen S. Weimer of Davenport, Iowa, and Bonnie and George Bennett of Albion; two sisters, Maxine Klink of Orlando, FL, and Mildred Weimer of Albion; and three grandchildren, Daniel, Matthew, and Jessica Bennett, all of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a son, Bruce Weimer.

Services were held Sunday, May 30, 2004, at Swiss Village in Berne with the Rev. Mark Berg and the Rev. Anita Rediger officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Swiss Village Endowment Fund or the Sweet Church Community Organization Inc.

Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home in Berne was in charge of arrangements.



Beulah Rosenogle

ALBION – Beulah A. Rosenogle, 88, of Albion died Friday, June 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Rosenogle was a homemaker and a farmer.

She was born February 9, 1916, in Allen County to Floyd and Altha (Feighner) Wilcoxson. On July 31, 1933, she married Lionel Rosenogle. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a brother-in-law, Ernest Johnson of Fort Wayne; three sisters-in-law, Barbara Wilcoxson of Florida, Maggie Wilcoxson of Avilla, and Colleen Wilcoxson of Fort Wayne; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Leroy Rosenogle; two sisters, Opal Nesbitt and Audrey Johnson; and four brothers, Lloyd, Carl, Paul and Ralph Wilcoxson.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam with the Rev. David Earlewine officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to Meals on Wheels of Noble County.

Evelyn McDonald

ALBION – Evelyn L. McDonald, 81, of Albion died Saturday, June 5, 2004, in the critical care unit at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. McDonald was a lifetime Noble County resident.

She had retired in 1987 after 29 years of service at Silgan Plastics, formerly Monsanto.

She was a member of the Noble County Historical Society and the Noble County Extension Homemakers Club. She enjoyed sewing, flower gardening and reading.

Mrs. McDonald was born June 28, 1922, in Green Township to Earl and Vera Wanda (Bower) Brown Wolfe. On May 15, 1941, in Brimfield, she married Charles "Chick" McDonald. He died in November 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Charlotte and Don Landers of Corunna, Carol Ann and Gary Coney of Albion, and Pamela Sue and Doug Cable of Cree Lake, Kendallville; two sons and daughters-in-law, Charles Lee and Georgia McDonald and Earl Duane and Cheryl McDonald, all of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a grandson.

Services were held Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Steve Jacobs officiating. Burial was in Rehoboth Cemetery, rural Albion.

Memorials are to the Noble County Historical Society.

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James Nei

COLUMBIA CITY – James Phillip Nei, 70, of Columbia City, died Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Before retirement, Mr. Nei worked for Dana Weatherhead for 13 years, KBK Vending for 15 years and Stafco for a few years. He was a member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks #1417, Eagles 1906 and American Legion Post 98. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born July 10, 1933, at Linvill Hospital in Columbia City to Fred and Ruth (Bills) Nei. He graduated from Columbia City High School in 1951. He enlisted in the Navy on June 4, 1951, served on the U.S.S. Markab and was honorably discharged on June 4, 1954.

He married Peggy A. Raypole on June 29, 1957, in Columbia City. She preceded him in death on Dec. 24, 2001.

He is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, James M. Nei of Columbia City and Jon M. and Deanna Nei of Albion; a daughter, Cheryl A. Houlihan of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren, Ethan Nei, Bianca Nei, Caylie Houlihan, Collin Houlihan, Kyle Houlihan and Connor Houlihan; and a sister, Marianne Clark of Columbia City.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Donald Nei and Thomas Nei.

Services were held Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. The American Legion Post 98 presented military honors immediately following.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Hospice Home.

Delbert Barhydt, Jr.

LIGONIER – Delbert Barhydt Jr., 82, of Ligonier and formerly of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, died Tuesday, June 1, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Barhydt was a lifetime Noble County resident and had retired from Phelps Dodge in New Haven after 39 years of service.

He was a member of Kimmell United Methodist Church, the Kendallville Moose Lodge, the Rome City American Legion Post and the Kendallville Eagles Lodge. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, watching sports, trips to Las Vegas and spending time with his family.

Mr. Barhydt was born March 26, 1922, in Kendallville the son of Delbert Sr. and Cora (Welsh) Barhydt. On November 3, 1946, in Kimmell he married Janice Price. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, David and Linda Barhydt of Goshen, Dennis and Cathy Barhydt of Ligonier, Delaine and Vickie Barhydt of Millersburg, and Doug and Cheryl Barhydt of Leesburg; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Diane and Michael Harlan of Victorville, CA, Deborah and Jonas Gingerich of Wolf Lake, Dawn and Robert Beer of Pleasant Lake and Denise Schutt and her companion, Jim Lemish, of Kendallville; a sister, Maxine Huff of New Carlisle; a brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Rose Barhydt of Huntertown; two half brothers, James McKeever and his wife, Betty, of LaOtto and Harold Barhydt of Michigan; 29 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death were two brothers, Deloss and Clifford Barhydt, and a sister, Imogene Riehm.

Services were held Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Don Poyser officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Society or to Parkinsons research.

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Mae Ratliff

LIGONIER – Mae S.

Ratliff, 64, of Ligonier died Monday, May 31, 2004, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ratliff was an inspector at Nisco and enjoyed fishing, quilting, and bird watching.

She had attended the Baptist church.

Mrs. Ratliff was born November 20, 1939, in Big Card, KY, the daughter of Ollie and Ethel (Hayes) Shortridge. They are deceased.

Surviving are five daughters, Judy Boyd of Syracuse, Mary Cline and Margaret Ratliff, both of Cromwell, and Angela and Rachel Ratliff, both of Fort Wayne; four sons, Walter Ratliff of Wawaka, Joe Ratliff of Ligonier, Russell Ratliff of Topeka and Richard Ratliff of Peru; three brothers, Neville Willis of Michigan, Steve Shortridge of Kendallville, and Ronnie Shortridge of Wolcottville; seven sisters, Joy Anderson of Florida, Stephanie Shortridge of Albion, Alice Ratliff, Samma Oquinn, and Annisteen Burthcett, all of Virginia, Mary Lindsey of Alabama and Jennifer Altamus; 26 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nephews and nieces.

Also preceding her in death were a daughter, Melanie Ratliff; a son, Robert Ratliff; two brothers, Omel and Don Willis; and four sisters, Trella Boyd, Betty Garrett, Katie Willis and Zephyr Willis.

Services were held Friday, June 4. 2004, in Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Brimfield.

Memorials are to the family to cover expenses.

Jerry Spaw

AVILLA – Jerry Lynn Spaw, 63, of Avilla died Thursday, June 3, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Spaw was a self-employed body shop owner. He had retired early from Navistar.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing, working on cars and spending time with his family.

He was born September 27, 1940, in Fort Wayne, the son of Ralph and Betsy (Miller) Spaw. His father is deceased, and his mother survives in Avilla. On April 5, 1958, in Fort Wayne he married Penny Sample. She survives in Avilla.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jody and Terry Holsinger of Mongo; three sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Holly Spaw of Avilla, Jerry and Beth Spaw of Kendallville and Jon and Lisa Spaw of Avilla; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Eileen Graham of Fort Wayne and Patricia and Mark Wilkinson of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Marcia Spaw of Wolcottville and Stephen and Jeanne Spaw of Culver; 14 grandchildren, Ashley, Zachary, Shelby, and Carly Holsinger, Natalie Ward, and Jordon, Chelsea, Joel, Sami, Nicole, Caitlin, Erica, Cory and Jon-Matthew Spaw.

Services were Saturday, June 5, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Paul Griebel and the Rev. Tyler Ward officiating. Burial will be at a later date at Avilla Cemetery.

Memorials are to Hospice of Northeast Indiana.

Rupert Herman

EDGERTON, Ohio — Rupert A. Herman, 92, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at Parkview Nursing Care Center, Edgerton, where he was a resident.

Mr. Herman was born on Aug. 12, 1911, in Edgerton, to George X. and Clara (Batt) Herman. He married Virginia E. Yingling on Feb. 23, 1938, in Garrett, and she survives.

He was a retired farmer and a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton. He also held membership in the Knights of Columbus Council No. 1494 in Edgerton and the Bishop Rappe Assembly of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He was a member and past president of the Williams County Farm Bureau.

Also surviving are six sons and four daughters-in-law, William and Pat Herman and George E. and Pat Herman, all of Edgerton, Richard E. Herman of Walkersville, Md., David and Patty Herman of Cincinnati, Ohio, Michael A. Herman of Sioux Falls, S.D. and Daniel and Shari Herman of South Bend; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Margaret Ann and Robert Warnock Jr. of South Bend, Ruth E. Burkholder of Pasadena, Texas and Christina M. and Dennis Jones of Hamilton; 30 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by one granddaughter, Melinda Warnock-Campbell, two brothers and four sisters.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. Indiana time at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton with the Rev. Thomas Oedy officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton, with recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to St. Mary's School.

Anna Jacobs

LIGONIER — Anna J. Jacobs, 65, of Ligonier died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Jacobs was employed at BRC in Ligonier.

She was a member of Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville and enjoyed quilting, flower gardening, birds and photography.

She was born Sept. 17, 1938, in LaGrange County to Jonas J. and Edna N. (Troyer) Weaver. On July 8, 1965, she married Daniel Jacobs. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Bob Jacobs of Elkhart; three brothers, Calvin Weaver of Shipshewana, Harry Weaver of Topeka and Harley Weaver of Dalton, Wis.; six sisters, Ella Yoder, Susie Wengerd and Edna Bontrager, all of LaGrange, Helen Hostetler of Topeka, Esther Miller of Ligonier and Lydia Bontrager of New Paris; a grandson, Bradley M. Jacobs; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, David Jacobs, in 1976; and a sister, Elsie Miller.

Services will be at noon Saturday in Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to the family.

Violet DePew

COLUMBIA CITY — Violet Mae DePew, 90, of Columbia City died at 5:55 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since October 2002.

Mrs. DePew

Mrs. DePew had lived in Columbia City since 1984. Prior to that she and her husband had lived on a farm near Ormas in Noble Township in Noble County. They spent the winter months for 21 years in Florida.

She was a homemaker and a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born Oct. 11, 1913, in Green Township, Noble County, to George and Nannie (Wright) Hoffman. On May 23, 1931, she married Vaughn David DePew. He died Oct. 11, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Max and Vivian DePew of Fort Wayne and Keith and Bonnie DePew of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Norman Level of Garrett; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley; a great-grandson; and a brother, Basil Hoffman.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Terry Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

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Janice Petrie

ALBION — Janice Marie Petrie, 62, of Albion died at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since Sunday.

Mrs. Petrie was a lifetime Noble County resident and had retired in 1998 after 30 years of service at Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

She attended Rehoboth Church, rural Albion, and was a member of York Township Home Extension Club. She will be remembered as being a very spiritual woman who enjoyed attending gospel and religious concerts. She also enjoyed crocheting and reading.

She was born Oct. 31, 1941, in Kendallville to Ray P. and Alta M. (Polston) Engle. She graduated in 1959 from Albion High School. On Sept. 4, 1959, at Wawaka Church of the Brethren, she married John Howard Petrie Sr. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, John Petrie Jr. of Albion, Jack and Sandy Petrie of Albion and Joe Petrie of Athens, Wis.; a daughter, Jane Harhigh of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Irene Engle of Springfield, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jack Engle, in 1958.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenburg officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the Rehoboth Church.

Edith Beem

READING, Mich. — Edith A. Beem, 54, of Reading, Mich., died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Beem was born July 4, 1949, in Wayne County, Mich., to Lawrence and Florence (Manning) Long. She married Larry Beem on Sept. 11, 1971. He survives.

She graduated in 1968 from Reading High School, and attended Kellogg Community College.

She had been employed by the U.S. Postal Service, and was a homemaker. She belonged to the Fremont Loyal Order of Moose, and enjoyed camping, fishing and pontoon rides. She also volunteered as a teacher's aide.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lorrie and Mike Beard of Romulus, Mich.; a son, Tim Beem of Camden, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Milton Midtgard of Montgomery, Mich.; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Larry and Linda Long of Osseo, Mich., Robert and Sheila Long and Edward Long, all of Florida and Danny and Ann Long of Montgomery; and four grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Indiana time on Saturday at the George White Funeral Home, Reading, with Pastor Gerald Hallman officiating. Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Berg Cemetery in Michigan.

Memorials are to Mooseheart Camp in Batavia, Ill.

Bertha Rife

COLUMBIA CITY — Bertha May Rife, 94, of Columbia City died at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had been a resident since December 2003.

Mrs. Rife

Mrs. Rife grew up in Wolf Lake and was educated in the Wolf Lake School. She had lived at Columbia City since 1982.

She was a homemaker and a member of Big Lake Church of God and the Missionary Society.

Mrs. Rife was born May 1, 1910, near Wolf Lake to John and Minnie (Mack) Gray. In 1927, she married Arthur O. "Bob" Rife. He died Oct. 21, 1975.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Virgil, in 1951; a sister, Clara Boner; and six brothers, Walter, Arthur, Carl, Ralph, Harry and Vernie Gray.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Big Lake Church of God, 6955 N. S.R. 109, Columbia City, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer and the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Memorials are to Big Lake Church of God.

Thomas Harris

INDIANAPOLIS — Thomas J. Harris, 66, of Indianapolis, died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at Community Hospital North.

Mr. Harris was born Jan. 30, 1938, in Ashley, to Paul J. and Dorothy (Madden) Harris. He was the valedictorian of Pleasant Lake High School's class of 1955, and received a scholarship to attend Columbia University in New York City.

He later graduated from Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, and obtained a master's degree from the school. He worked in management for the U.S. Postal Service in Fort Wayne for 25 years and completed his career with the postal service in Indianapolis after 5 years.

He was a competitive chess player, traveling throughout the United States to tournaments. He was an officer in the Indiana State Chess Association for almost 20 years.

Surviving are a sister, Marianne Stevens of Indianapolis; three nephews and a spouse, Eric Wolfe and Todd and Natalie Wolf, all of Indianapolis, and Mark Wolfe of Pendleton; a niece, Dee Ann DeCosterd of Seattle; and five great-nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 4:30 p.m. at Grove Lawn Cemetery in Pendleton.

Memorials are to any local chess clubs or associations.

Arrangements are being handled by Seals Funeral Home, Fortville.

Marty Altimus

WATERLOO — Marty Fender Altimus, 68, of Waterloo died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Altimus was a homemaker and a member of the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

She was born Jan. 6, 1936, in Continental, Ohio, to Edward and Ruth (Smith) Fackler.

She married Earl Altimus on June 8, 1984, in Texas. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Jeff Fender of Kendallville, and Ervin Fender and Lonnie Fender, both of Auburn; one daughter, Laura Madsen of Auburn; two stepsons, Kirk Altimus of Auburn and Dana Altimus of Angola; one stepdaughter, Dawn Best of Pensacola, Fla.; one brother, Roger Fackler of Okeechobee, Fla.; six grandchildren, seven stepgrandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a stepson, Mark Altimus, and a granddaughter, Kimberly Madsen.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ron Stambaugh will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetic Association.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Mike Spears

HARLAN — Mike Spears, 49, of Harlan died Sunday at his home.

Mrs. Spears was an accountant for 20 years.

He was born April 22, 1955, in Fort Wayne to John P. Spears Sr. and Barbara (Wilson) Spears. His father preceded him in death and mother survives.

Also surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, John P. Spears Jr., and Sue Spears of Angola; two sisters and brothers-in-law Vicki and John Spears Wright of Vandalia, Ohio, and Pat and Michael Spears Cameron of Fort Wayne; three nieces, Easy Spears, Krista Cameron and Ashley Cameron; one nephew, Bryan Kendall Wright; and his dog, Charly.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Wayne C. Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Clear Lake Lutheran Cemetery at Clear Lake.

Calling will be from noon to 3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society.

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Evelyn Brady

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Evelyn Elaine Stage Brady, 81, of St. Petersburg, Fla., died Thursday, May 27, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Brady was born in Angola on July 22, 1922. She was a 1940 Angola High School graduate, and attended Tri-State College. She relocated from Columbus to St. Petersburg in 1959, where she became a certified AMF bowling instructor.

When she retired from bowling instruction in the mid 1970s, she worked as a home health care professional for many years in St. Petersburg. She was an active member of the Women's International Bowling Congress, the 20-Year Club, and the Angola Chapter of the Women of the Moose.

She was a charter member of the 600 club (beginning in 1962) and the Florida Women's Senior Stars.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Brady of Rowlett, Texas; a companion, Jerry Weber of St. Petersburg; two sisters, Donna Collins of Hicksville, Ohio and Phyllis Wakefield of New Whiteland; and two brothers, John Stage of Fort Wayne and Richard Stage of Connecticut.

Services have already been held. Arrangements were by C.E. Prevatt Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

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Dr. Robert Dodd

LEBANON, Ill. — Dr. Robert Darr Dodd, 85, of Lebanon, died Monday, May 31, 2004, in Cedar Ridge Health Care in Lebanon.

Dr. Dodd had served on the staff of Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in South Bend, Ind.

He had been a member of the St. Joseph County (Ind.) Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society.

He was born Nov. 29, 1918, in Johnstown, Pa., the son of Edward and Elsa (Darr) Dodd. He graduated in 1944 from Indiana University Medical School. He had served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Eileen (Clarke) Dodd of O'Fallon, Ill., and Jeffery Dodd of Wilmette, Ill.; a sister-in-law, Mary Jane Carmichael of Ligonier; a grandson, Andrew Robert Dodd of O'Fallon; and a granddaughter, Tess Elizabeth Dodd of O'Fallon.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Harriett June Jackson Dodd, and a brother, Edward Dodd.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will take place at a later date at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice of Cedar Ridge Health Care Center.

Services held for area toddler who drowned

Corbin Eli Yoder

SYRACUSE — Corbin Eli Yoder, 20 months, died at 5 p.m. Sunday June 6 at South Bend Memorial Hospital from a drowning accident.

He was born Oct. 4, 2002, in Goshen to Eugene and Loretta (Troyer) Yoder.

He is survived by his parents; grandparents, Eli and Catherine "Katie" Troyer, Sarasota, Fla., and Daniel M. and Ida Irene Yoder, Topeka; three sisters, Amber Lynn, Bridgette Noel and Carmen Jane Yoder, all at home; and two brothers, Austin Daniel and Bailey Eugene Yoder, both at home.

The funeral service was earlier today, at the Mount Joy Conservative Mennonite Church, Goshen, with the Revs. Ben Shirk and Harley Miller officiating. Burial was in Townline Cemetery, Topeka.

Arrangements were by The Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Mount Joy Conservative Mennonite Church, 120 N. 23d St., Goshen.

Robert Scoles

Robert Donovan Scoles, 84, 200 Kingston Circle, died Sunday June 6 at 12:03 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

He was born Aug. 31, 1919, in Warsaw to Merl and Leone (Summy) Scoles.

He married Jewel Howard, who preceded him in death Nov. 26, 2001.

He lived in Warsaw and Goshen, moving to Ligonier in September of 2002.

He was employed by Warsaw Builders Supply and was a foreman at Ivy Terrace in Goshen.

He was a member of Veteran of Foreign Wars and American Legion Warsaw. He served in the Army during World War II and received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

He is survived by a son, Robert L. (Marie) Scoles, Kendallville; a sister, Dorothy Stoelting, Syracuse; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; and a brother, William.

Funeral services were Wednesday June 9 at Mishler Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, Syracuse, with the Rev. Michael Heinbaugh officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, with military graveside services.

Memorials may be directed to National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 850 N. Meridian St., Suite 203, Indianapolis, IN 46204-1108.

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Bernadine Kinsey

ANGOLA — Bernadine A. "Bernie" Kinsey, 89, of Angola died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was a nurse's aide at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola for 43 years, retiring in 1976.

She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola.

She was born July 8, 1914, in Clinton, Ill., to Maroe and Lucy (Wright) Evans. She first married Deak Fifer, and later married Dale Snyder. She then married Jimmie Kinsey. All preceded her in death.

Two brothers, Wesley and Scott Evans, and a sister, Laurie Read, are also deceased.

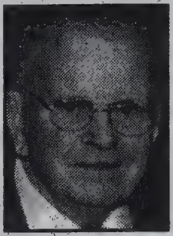
Surviving are a stepson, Richard Kinsey of Durham, N.C.; four stepdaughters, Patricia Billings of Oakman, Ala., Martha Walters of Fremont, Barbara Wells of Cameron, W.Va., and Mary Ethel McMillen of Belmont, Ohio; 12 stepgrandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; a nephew, Michael Evans of Pocatello, Idaho; and two nieces, Candi Wallace of Tanzana, Calif., and Cyndy Lou Tracy of San Clemente, Calif.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Tim Stiller officiating. Calling will be one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Montpelier, Ohio.

R. Eldon Hardy

AUBURN — R. Eldon Hardy, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in Auburn.


Mr. Hardy

Mr. Hardy was a tool-and-die maker for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 27 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Auburn Knights of Pythias Lodge, Auburn Eastern Star and William Hacker Chapter.

He was born June 17, 1918, in South Whitley to Arthur and Harriett (Seery) Hardy.

He married Lucille Barley on Aug. 31, 1940, at the Auburn Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Hardy of Auburn and Robert and Kathleen Hardy of Auburn; a daughter, Carol Ann Payton of Auburn; two brothers, Dean of Allegan, Mich., and Roger of Avilla; 11 grandchildren, Joan Winkler, Ron and Tom Morr, Debbie, Kathryn and Tommy Payton, Bob and Rick Hardy, Billy and Crissi Griggs and Lindsay Bowers; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Demaris Allison.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church. A DeKalb Masonic Lodge service will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday and an Auburn Eastern Star Lodge service will take place at 7:15 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information from the funeral home.*

Anna Jacobs

LIGONIER — Anna J. Jacobs, 65, of Ligonier died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Jacobs was employed at BRC in Ligonier.

She was a member of Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville and enjoyed quilting, flower gardening, birds and photography.

She was born Sept. 17, 1938, in LaGrange County to Jonas J. and Edna N. (Troyer) Weaver. On July 8, 1965, she married Daniel Jacobs. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Bob Jacobs of Elkhart; three brothers, Calvin Weaver of Shipshewana, Harry Weaver of Topeka and Harley Weaver of Dalton, Wis.; six sisters, Ella Yoder, Susie Wengerd and Edna Bontrager, all of LaGrange, Helen Hostetler of Topeka, Esther Miller of Ligonier and Lydia Bontrager of New Paris; a grandson, Bradley M. Jacobs; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, David Jacobs, in 1976; and a sister, Elsie Miller.

Services will be at noon Saturday in Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier and one hour prior to services at the church on Saturday.

Memorials are to the family.

Olive Roth

FORT WAYNE — Olive J. (Jackson) Roth, 84, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Cecil, Ohio, Mrs. Roth was a homemaker. She was a 1938 graduate of Paulding High School and a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and its food bank.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph S. of Garrett and Richard T. of Akron, Ohio; a daughter, Colleen J. Papal of Fort Wayne; two brothers, Richard L. Jackson of Traverse City, Mich., and Stanley E. Jackson of Lansing, Mich.; a sister, Colleen E. Campbell of Holt, Mich.; 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas J., in 1993, two brothers, Stephen O. Jackson and Floyd Jackson, and a sister, Myrtle Henry.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Prairie Grove Cemetery of Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

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Sherie Stempien

COLDWATER, Mich. — Sherie Y. Stempien, 46, Coldwater, Mich., died Friday, June 11, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Stempien was born Nov. 14, 1957, in Coldwater to Samuel and Yvonne (Fradenburg) Everline. She married Charles Stempien on June 21, 1985, and he survives.

She had been a computer composer at Moore North America, Angola, since 1987. She was a 1975 graduate of Camden-Frontier High School, and graduated from Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in fishery science in 1983. Her hobbies included hunting, fishing, golf and gardening.

Also surviving are her mother, Yvonne Everline of Montgomery, Mich.; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathy and Bill Winger of Coldwater, Cheryl McCarty of Auburn and Tammy and Todd Devlin of Coldwater; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard and Tracie Stempien of Caldonia, Mich. and William Stempien of Coldwater; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Samuel and Jean Everline of Quincy, Mich., Scott and Sandra Everline of Montgomery, Mich., and Steven and Stephanie Everline of Camden, Mich.; 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father and a brother, Terry Everline, on Feb. 5, 2004.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Lester Cemetery, Coldwater.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Memorials are to Hospice of Sturgis in Sturgis, Mich., or the American Cancer Society.

Terry Everline

VALRICO, Fla. — Terry L. Everline, 38, of Valrico, Fla., and formerly of Montgomery, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, at Brandon Hospital in Brandon, Fla.

Mr. Everline was born Aug. 21, 1965, in Coldwater, Mich., to Samuel and Yvonne (Fradenburg) Everline.

He was a computer operator. He was a graduate of Davenport Business College and Camden-Frontier High School.

He enjoyed antiques and playing the piano. He had also lived in Arizona and California.

Surviving are his mother, Yvonne H. Everline of Montgomery; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Samuel and Jean Everline of Coldwater, Mich., Scott and Sandra Everline of Montgomery and Steven and Stephanie Everline of Camden, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his father. A sister, Sherie Stempien, died on June 11, 2004.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Earl Armstrong officiating. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Montgomery.

Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Memorial services were also held in Florida.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Dorena Davis

LAGRANGE — Dorena F. Davis, 75, of LaGrange, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

Mrs. Davis was born Dec. 6, 1928, in Wolcottville to Milburn and Laura (Frisby) Mynhier. She was married to Victor R. Davis on Aug. 20, 1950, and he preceded her in death on June 26, 1970.

She was retired from Dana Corp. in Angola. She lived all of her life in LaGrange County. She was a member of the Pioneer Club of Dana Corp. and Local 1406 U.A.W.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, DuAnn and Thomas Huffman of LaGrange, Laureen and Joseph Donnay of Phoenix, Tamra and Kenneth Duzan of LaGrange, Rebecca S. Davis of Waterloo and Cheryl L. Davis of South Bend; two sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas R. and Diane Davis of LaGrange and James B. and Darlene Davis of Hudson; a brother and sister-in-law, Harold and Joan Mynhier of Pleasant Lake; and 12 grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Joan Davis, on May 19, 1962; two sisters, Mildred McHugh and Opal Wyatt; and five brothers, Frank, Earl, Oscar, Robert and Marvin Mynhier.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Rick Davis and the Rev. John Coney officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Kenneth Nichols

ALBION — Kenneth A. Nichols, 90, of Albion, died Friday, June 11, 2004, at home.

Mr. Nichols

Mr. Nichols was born June 19, 1913, in Whitley County to Charles C. and Eletha Maude (Egolf) Nichols. He was married to Mary Esther Hedges for 69 years. They were married on Oct. 31, 1934, in Columbia City. She survives.

He was a grocer, farmer and real estate broker. He worked for Kroger part-time all through his high school years, then became full-time in 1945. He was the manager of stores in Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

In 1945, he opened his own store in Churubusco, known as Nichols Finer Foods. He owned and operated that until 1950.

He was the Whitley County deputy treasurer for several years, and a two-term Whitley County clerk. He was a bookkeeper for LaOtto Elevator and Noble County Credit Union. He was also a dispatcher for several years for the Columbia City police and fire departments. He and his son-in-law, Duane, owned and operated a real estate broker service in Albion.

He had lived in Albion since 1994. He had lived in Columbia City and Whitley County for most of his life. He and his wife had also spent 16 winters in Florida.

He was a member of Columbia City Masonic Lodge F.&A.M. No. 189. He was a charter member of the Thorn Creek Fire Department in Whitley County, and served as secretary-treasurer for the department for over 15 years.

He was a 1932 graduate of Columbia City High School, and graduated from college as a real estate ASA broker.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Rose and Duane Guthrie of Albion and Elaine Kay McGlennen of Lavonia, Ga.; two sisters, Blanch Patton and Lois Baker, both of Columbia City; seven grandchildren, Kim, Kelly, Kari, Bryan, Deb, Becky and Shelby; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles T. "Tom," Paul and Ralph Nichols, and two sisters, Eletha Mathias and Norma Thomas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at First Christian Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery, Columbia City.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion.

Memorials are to First Christian Church Building Fund.

Roderick Benner

DENVER, Colo. — Roderick Benner, 46, of Denver, died Friday, June 4, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Benner was 1976 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was born Oct. 4, 1957, in Elkhart to Gale and Donna (Parker) Benner. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three daughters, April Benner, Rachel Benner and Melanie Benner, all of Colorado, and their mother, Sharon (Leins) Henry, also of Colorado; three brothers, Victor and Brad, both of Auburn, and Michael of Minnesota.

Louise Shaw

ALBION — Louise Shaw, 58, of Albion, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Elsie Gibson** were held Saturday, June 5, at Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church. Elders Russell Hicks and Larry Dixon officiated.

Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Pallbearers were David Ship, Tony Jones, Mathew Casner, Jason Beard, Tommy Gibson Jr. and Dustin Gibson.

Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

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Pilot never lost his love for airplanes

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — Dean Cornell loved airplanes and flying.

After a stint with the Air National Guard during the Korean War, Mr. Cornell got his private pilot's license and owned two different aircraft, a Stinson and a Piper Cub. He even had his own landing strip on his S.R. 427 farm.

He gave up piloting in the early 1960s when he sold his airplanes, but not his love of planes, recalled his son, David Cornell.

At the Hoosier Air Museum at the DeKalb County Airport, "He was the main man," according to Niles Walton, president of the Hoosier Warbirds. "I don't know what we are going to do without him; he can't be replaced."

Mr. Cornell died in his sleep May 26, at the age of 76.

According to Walton, Mr. Cornell was the facilities manager at the museum, but he did far more.

"When we started our annex in November 2002, we worked six and often seven days a week, and he was here daily. He had access to heavy equipment, and if we needed machinery to move something, he was the man to do it," Walton said.

Mr. Cornell had retired from the maintenance department of Phelps Dodge.

David Cornell owns an excavating business, and he said his dad was always offering to lend a hand.

"He loved to help out; he loved equipment and machinery, and if there was a need for some work over at the museum, he would borrow whatever was needed and go over there and do it," David Cornell said.

Mr. Cornell flew from Kokomo to Auburn last summer on a B-24 Liberator bomber that was making an appearance at the DeKalb County Airport. On that flight, Mr. Cornell confided to this writer that it was a thrill to be flying on the last, still-flying B-24 bomber.

He said that while he wasn't involved with flying during his service with the 122nd Aircraft Control Squadron based at Baer Field, Fort Wayne, during the unit's activation from 1951-53, he was around airplanes as much as possible. He did duty at stations in Texas, Louisiana and New Mexico.

Mr. Cornell's sister, Beth Gerig, recalled that her brother would fly up to her home in Sturgis, Mich., when he still owned his planes. "We all went for rides," she said.

She remembers her brother for his devotion to his family and friends.

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Dean Cornell was the facilities manager at the Hoosier Air Museum at the DeKalb County Airport and had a life-long love of flying. Mr. Cornell May 26 at the age of 76.

"He was a good provider, and always eager to help out," she said. In retirement, he enjoyed his involvement with the Hoosier Warbirds, but "worked too hard for someone of his age," she added.

Mrs. Gerig noted that her brother turned 15 on the day that their father died, and Mr. Cornell stepped into the role as "man of the house." He worked nights at Auburn Rubber Co. while still in school, she recalled. He graduated from Spencerville High School in 1946.

On the day before his death, Mrs. Gerig said, Mr. Cornell made the trip to Sturgis to leave his dog, Tuffy, in her care. "He was going to leave the next day for Texas," she said.

"I got to give him a hug and a kiss goodbye," Mrs. Gerig said. "I told him to have a nice trip, but I meant to Texas, not to heaven.

"He had a great and solid faith in God, though he was quiet about it," she added.

Mr. Cornell was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church and of the Gideons.

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Noah Schrock

GOSHEN — Noah E. Schrock, 72, of rural Goshen died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at 1:25 a.m. at his home. He had been in declining health.

He was a self-employed farmer and carpenter and had worked at V & L Woodworking. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 20, 1932, in Elkhart County to Ervin J. and Fannie D. (Miller) Schrock.

On Oct. 29, 1953, in Millersburg, he married Irene M. Hochstetler. She died Oct. 1, 1995. He then married Katie Knepp on Nov. 25, 1999, in Shipshewana. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, LeEtta and Howard Hochstetler of Goshen, Waneta and Crist Gingerich of Topeka, Pauline Schrock of Goshen, and Marlene and Jacob Yoder of Goshen; four sons and their spouses, Olan and Orpha Schrock of Millersburg, Gilbert and Edith Schrock of New Paris, Merle and Ruby Schrock of Goshen and Lester and Trisa Schrock of Goshen; one sister and brother-in-law, Emma and Larry McClellan of Topeka; five brothers and three sisters-in-law, Albert and Maxine Schrock of Pana, Ill., Jacob and Nettie Schrock of Topeka, George and Martha Schrock of Ligonier, Leo Schrock of Topeka, and John Schrock of Osseo, Mich.; 39 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers, David, Joseph and Earl Schrock; and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Howard Hochstetler residence, 64555 C.R. 43, Goshen, with Bishop Freeman S. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be at Southeast Clinton Cemetery of rural Goshen.

Calling is after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday at the family residence, 63559 C.R. 43, Goshen.

The Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Steven Brown

RIVERVIEW, Fla. — Steven L. Brown, 57, of Riverview, Fla., formerly of Ligonier, died Friday, June 11, 2004, after a brief illness.

Mr. Brown was a miller by trade, and he had worked in Indiana for many years.

He was born Sept. 12, 1946, in Champaign, Ill.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn J. Wojtas of Sun City Center; his wife, Haydee Brown of Riverview; two daughters, Tammy Hoderread and Cheryle Brown, both of Indiana; and two sons, Timothy of Indiana and Christopher of Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Edward J. Wojtas of Sun City Center, in 2000.

Private burial will be at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Arrangements are by Lewers Funeral Home, 308 E. College Ave., Ruskin, Fla.

Walter Stanley

KENDALLVILLE — Walter "Jr." Stanley, 58, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at his residence.

He was employed at Flint & Walling and was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was born Jan. 14, 1946, in Lackey, Ky.

Surviving are his former wife, Ernestine Stanley of Wolcottville; three sons, David Stanley of Bronson, Mich., Daniel Stanley of Wolcottville, and Zackery Stanley of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Geneva Hall of Avilla, Freda and John McRoberts of Avilla and Virginia Stanley of Fort Wayne; five grandsons, Auston Hoover of Avilla, Shawn McRoberts of Avilla, Devin McRoberts of Avilla, Robbie Stanley of Wolcottville and Jordan Hall of Avilla; one granddaughter, Alea Stanley of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Sue Wallace of Waterloo; and one uncle and aunt, Paul and Polly Stanley of Kendallville.

Preceding him in death were a grandson, Bailey Hall; and two aunts, Ann Boggs and Corrine Fitzpatrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

To send condolences or sign the online guest register, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Larry Kuhn Sr.

CROMWELL — Larry S. Kuhn Sr., 58, of Cromwell died of natural causes at 6 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004, at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City.

He had retired after 25 years with Fairmont Homes in Nappanee, where he was plant manager.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Kuhn was a 1963 graduate of Wolf Lake High School, and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He enjoyed NASCAR, fishing, hunting, golf and his four chihuahuas, Chichi, Bear, Gray and Miss Hilary Clinton. He was a member of the Rock Church.

He was born Sept. 5, 1945, in Fort Wayne, to Marvin E. and Betty R. (Stump) Kuhn.

He married Emilee Dean on July 5, 2001. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Betty Cochlin of Syracuse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Bobby Jacobs of Cromwell and Suzanne and Arizona Schaefer of Kendallville; a son, Larry S. Kuhn II of Goshen; a stepdaughter and her husband, Michelle and Shawn Dean of Cromwell; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Franklin and Donna Dean of Nappanee and Chadd Crow of Nappanee; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Dave Blanchard of Ohio and Angie and Gene Deck of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eddie and Sandy Kuhn of Cromwell and Dan and Doreene Kuhn of Cromwell; seven grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, 7458 E. 1000N, Syracuse, with Dr. Gary Tuttle officiating. Burial with military graveside services will be at Thorn Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Ernest Asher

KENDALLVILLE — Ernest M. Asher, 68, of Kendallville, died Friday, June 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was a machinist and tool-and-die maker, and served in the U.S. Army as a sergeant.

He was born Dec. 1, 1935, in Hazard, Ky., to Dill and Blanche (Baker) Asher.

Surviving are his former wife, Annette Asher of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Julie Asher of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Jeff Mishler of Rome City; two granddaughters, Taryn Mishler and Cherise Mishler, both of Rome City; a half-brother, Skipper Davis of Punta Gorda, Fla.; a sister, Marie Thompson of Wilcox, Ariz.; and two nephews, Dill Asher of Midlothian, Va., and Clayton Brown of Hazard, Ky.

Preceding him in death were one brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Peggy Asher of Lakeland, Fla.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be left at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

William Shepherd

WOLCOTTVILLE — William David "Bones" Shepherd, 32, of Wolcottville died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

He was a former employee of Dometic Corp. in LaGrange. He moved from Kentucky to LaGrange County in 1988.

He was born Oct. 14, 1971, in McDowell, Ky., to Hershel and Marcella (Kilburn) Shepherd. His father preceded him in death on Aug. 7, 1973. His mother survives in Brimfield.

He married Jillann L. (Pairan) Shepherd on Jan. 11, 1997, in Mongo. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Keaton, at home; two daughters, Kerstinn Tropp and Kollienn Tropp, at home; and three brothers, Timothy Shepherd of Kentucky, Kelvin Shepherd of Albion and Bobby Shepherd of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Full Gospel Revival Center, Rome City, with the Rev. Purda Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling is from 2 to 9 p.m. Monday at the Full Gospel Revival Center.

The Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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E. Marie Hand

HUNTERTOWN — E. Marie (Warstler) Hand, 85, of Huntertown died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient two weeks.

Mrs. Hand

She was a homemaker her entire life and enjoyed sewing, current events, pro golfer Tiger Woods and most especially her children and grandchildren. She had resided at her present home in Huntertown since 1992.

Mrs. Hand was born July 10, 1918, in Jackson Township of DeKalb County to Curtis Edward and Anna C. (Armstrong) Warstler. She spent her formative years near Auburn.

On Jan. 5, 1935, in Columbia City, she married William Joseph Hand. They lived in Huntington County for 18 years before moving to Huntertown in 1955. Her husband preceded her in death on Nov. 5, 1989.

Surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Carroll and Shirley Hand of Fort Wayne, Larry and Joyce Hand of Roanoke, Billy and Sandra Hand of Fort Wayne, and Jesse and Jacque Hand of Garrett; four daughters and three sons-in-law, DeMarise and Lynn Martin of Fort Wayne, Shirley Gronski of Gowanda, N.Y., Marsha and Richard Myers of LaOtto, and Barbara Deetz Kissner and Raymond Kissner of Wolcottville; three sisters, Edith Hershberger of Auburn, Dorothy Hall of Garrett and Juanita Groneau of Fort Wayne; a half-brother and his wife, Bill and Mary Coak of Butler; 23 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandson.

Also preceding her in death were a granddaughter, Darlene Hand Johnson; a great-grandson, Ryan Hand; and a son-in-law, Larry Deetz.

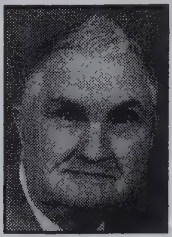
Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The Rev. Sherri Long, associate pastor of Huntertown United Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be at Huntertown Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com. Memorials are to the Huntertown EMS.

Bert Patton

CHURUBUSCO — Bert J. Patton, 88, of Churubusco died at 8:28 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne where he had been admitted earlier in the day.



Mr. Patton

Mr. Patton had lived in the Churubusco area since 1948.

He had been employed at Indiana Rubber Co. in Fort Wayne and as a security guard at Dana Corp. in Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

He was born April 16, 1916, in Richmond, Ky., to Joseph and Nimmie (Stone) Patton. In 1944, he married Hanna M. Asher. She died Dec. 13, 1975. In 1979, he married Mary Jane (Blust) Abel. She died Dec. 25, 2003.

Surviving are five daughters and three sons-in-law, Jo Ann Patton and Sue Ianucilli, both of Churubusco, Shirley and Larry Farrell of Fort Wayne, Millie and Steve Creech of Auburn, and Patty and Brian Kline of Waterloo; four sons and daughters-in-law, Michael Patton of Dallas, Texas, Larry Patton and Pat and Sandy Patton, all of Churubusco, and Bob Patton of Bayford, N.M.; a brother, Horace Patton of Grand Rapids, Mich.; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Rick Van Horn of Believer's Bible Fellowship officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Churubusco.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Believer's Bible Fellowship.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Caleb Zeeb

FREMONT — Caleb Michael Zeeb, infant, was born and died on Saturday, June 12, 2004.

Caleb was born at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola to Melissa Sue Grove and Jeffrey Edgar Zeeb. He died at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Caleb's mother survives in Angola, and his father survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are his maternal grandparents, Shelly Castner and William Grove, both of Angola; and paternal grandparents, Dennis Spidel and Janny O'Connell of Fremont and Randy and Carol Zeeb of Pleasant Lake.

Private family services will take place, with the Rev. Skip Carsten officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in East Springfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Anthony Wayne Area Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Louise Shaw

ALBION — Louise A. Shaw, 62, of Albion died at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, June 10, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since April 6.

Mrs. Shaw was a homemaker and a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge. She had lived in Albion since 1971.

She was born April 5, 1942, in Granville, N.Y., to Charles and Anna (Jurnack) Baker. In 1971 in Albion, she married Donald H. Shaw. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Theresa (Peterson) and Brian Bajgrowicz of Marion; a brother, John Baker of Granville; two sisters, Rose Ann Harrington of Salem, N.Y., and Gloria Petty of Cossayuna, N.Y.; and a granddaughter, Jessica Lynn Peterson of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at Robert M. King Funeral Home, 23 Church St., Granville. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Granville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Marian Buttermore

GOSHEN — Marian E. Buttermore, 86, of Goshen, died at 7:03 a.m. Sunday, June 13, 2004, at her home from natural causes.

Mrs. Buttermore

Mrs. Buttermore was a bookkeeper for many years at Troy Laundry in Fort Wayne and had worked for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Corp. in Auburn as an executive secretary.

A native of Hamilton, she was a 1934 graduate of Hamilton High School. She also graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne.

She was born Oct. 12, 1917, in Hamilton to Shirley L. "Jake" and Eula D. (Teegardin) Sanxter.

On Dec. 19, 1948, in Detroit, she married Harold Robert Buttermore. He died July 30, 1995.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Steven R. and Vicky Buttermore of Goshen; a daughter and son-in-law, Susan L. and Elwayne Miller of Elkhart; a sister, Lawana Meisner of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death, in addition to her husband and parents, were two sisters, Geraldine West and Virginia Walker; a brother, Donald Sanxter; and two grandchildren.

The body will be cremated and there will be no calling. A private family memorial service will be at a later date.

Burial will be at a later date at Teegardin Cemetery of Hamilton.

Arrangements are by Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen.

Patrick Coffey

CHURUBUSCO — Patrick D. Coffey, 75, of Churubusco died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at his home following an extended illness.

Mr. Coffey

Mr. Coffey had lived near Churubusco for 17 years. He had worked as an appliance technician for 40 years and retired in 2002 after being self-employed for 20 years. He had worked at Montgomery Ward in Fort Wayne for 10 years.

He served in the U.S. Army and was a U.S. Air Force veteran where he was a mechanic on B-52 bombers.

Mr. Coffey was the son of Bernard and Marie (Yates) Coffey. On Dec. 18, 1948, in Cincinnati, Ohio, he married Janet H. Winter. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Hope Coffey of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Steve Orchard of Fort Wayne; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce and Vince Cahill of Cincinnati and Gloria and Marc Stuntebeck of Las Vegas, Nev.; 10 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege with Father Danny Pinto officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct errors.*

Dr. James Keyes Jr.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Dr. James L. Keyes Jr., 76, Columbus, Ohio, whose family members have long been summer residents of Lake James, passed away at 3:15 a.m., Friday, June 4, 2004, at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus.

Dr. Keyes

He was born on April 27, 1928, in Peru, to J. Lyman and Mary Edith Weigel Keyes. Mr. Keyes was a 1946 graduate of Peru High School.

In 1950, he graduated from Wabash College, where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and served as president during his senior year. In later years, he was elected to the board of trustees of Wabash College. He received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Wabash College in 1987.

Mr. Keyes received an MBA degree in 1952, from the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. Following graduation from Harvard he served as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

In 1954, Dr. Keyes joined Cummins Engine Co., Columbus as an administration trainee, and then assumed the position of Sales Engineer. In 1958 he became Distributorship Manager in Hibbing, Minn., for Cummins Diesel Sales Corp. While there he served as district chairman for the Boy Scouts of America.

In 1959 he returned to Columbus as manager of Cummins Diesel Sales Corp. He then became director of sales services, marketing services, and general sales manager for government, marine and industrial. He has served as vice president for major accounts, national accounts, C & T Sales and Industrial Marketing.

He was active in civic affairs, Kiwanis, past president of Junior Chamber of Commerce and was involved in historical restoration and preservation of landmarks in downtown Columbus, Ind. He served as president of the Indiana Chapter for Mental Health and Mentally Handicapped Association.

In 1976, he was named distributor principal of Cummins Ohio Inc., in Columbus, Ohio, with two branches in Columbus and Lima, Ohio. In 1982 the Columbus plant merged with Cleveland, Toledo, Akron, Youngstown and Strasburg, and in 1983 with Cincinnati. It now includes all of Ohio and was renamed Cummins Ohio, Inc.

Dr. Keyes remained president of Cummins Ohio, Inc. until 1993 and served as chairman of the board until 1996, when his health brought about his decision to retire. He was involved in the Columbus, Ohio, community, where he was the founding president of the Columbus Landmarks Foundation. He also headed the Columbus, Ohio, Mayor's Task Force at the City Garage. He was a member of the Scioto Country Club and the Broad Street Presbyterian Church, where he had served as an Elder.

Dr. Keyes was appointed to the board of directors of the National Association for the Mentally Handicapped by then President George H. W. Bush, in 1990.

Dr. Keyes is survived by a sister, Mary Keyes Temple and her husband Terry, Peru; a brother, Dr. Robert Coleman Keyes and wife Joline, Fort Wayne; two nieces, Anne Keyes Vogt, Estes Park, Colo., and Elizabeth Temple Yager, Apex, N.C.; four nephews, Robert C. Keyes, Jr., of Thornville, Ohio; Jeffrey Keyes and wife Lisa, Buckeye Lake, Ohio; James Robert Temple, Lafayette; and John Michael Temple and wife Janine, Angola; two great-nieces, Chelsea and Jordan Ashley; three great-nephews, John Robert, Joshua Michael, and Christopher; and a stepgreat-niece, Brianna. Also surviving are loving cousins, special care givers, friends, associates and many of his beloved classmates of Peru High School Class of 1946.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at the First Presbyterian Church, 102 W. Main St., Peru, with the Rev. John E. Hess officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Peru.

Memorial donations may be made through the funeral home to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

Richard Thomas

AUBURN — Richard L. Thomas, 82, of Auburn died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Thomas

Mr. Thomas was the owner and operator of Thomas Painters Inc. in Auburn for 60 years. He was a life member and past commander of Auburn American Legion Post 97, a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge, Auburn Elks, Kendallville Veterans of Foreign Wars and a former member of Greenhurst Country Club and Garrett Country Club.

He attended Auburn High School until Feb. 5, 1942, when he enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served in the European Theater with the 3rd Infantry Division as a medic.

He was born Jan. 26, 1922, in Auburn to Alva and Pauline (Quince) Thomas.

Upon his discharge from the military, he married Virginia M. Cromwell on Nov. 25, 1945. She preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters and a brother-in-law, Betty Hart and Janet and Robert Maxwell, all of Auburn; a brother, Wayne D. Thomas of Fresno, Calif.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra Thomas of Auburn and Bethany and David Heffley of Corunna; two grandaughters and one grandson and their families, Stacy Guinn and Jeff Hanson of Auburn, Heather Norton of Corunna and Lance and Mary Norton of St. Joe; one great-grandchild, Alyssa Gibson of Auburn; and three stepgrandsons, Matthew, Patrick and Jonathan Heffley.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ronald Thomas.

A graveside military service will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, 1605 S. Center St., Auburn. The family invites everyone to a memorial celebration at the Auburn American Legion post after the graveside services.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., is handling arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Legion Post 97 Building Fund.

Helen Fuleki

AUBURN — Helen M. Fuleki, 80, of Auburn died Monday June 14, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and loved to do crafts and sew.

She was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Butler to Jacob and Edna (Taylor) McDonald.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Fuleki, on March 10, 2002.

Surviving are five sons, Ronald Fuleki of Butler, Emery "Vince" Fuleki of Auburn, Joseph Fuleki of Poe, Gary Fuleki of St. Joe and Dennis Fuleki of Auburn; a brother, Harold McDonald of Butler; and a sister, Lois Cordes of Florida.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Don Kleinschmidt officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

Verl Provines

BUTLER — Verl R. Provines, 84, of Butler died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Provines was a lifetime farmer in Stafford Township, retiring in 1998. He was a former member of the DeKalb County Fair Board and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and its board of directors.

He was born July 15, 1919, in DeKalb County to Milo and Lucille (Gee) Provines. They preceded him in death..

On May 24, 1941, he married Letha Weisz in Edgerton, Ohio. After 59 years of marriage, she died on Sept. 1, 2000.

Surviveing are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Thomas Garman of Markle and Mary and Patrick Crow of Spencerville; two brothers, James Provines of Butler and Darwin Provines of St. Joe; a sister, Melva Eakright of Butler; five grandchildren, Amy Ewers of Wolcottville, Mitchell Keller of Ossian, David Crow of Fort Wayne, Julie Christensen of Indianapolis and Jennifer Gray of Roanoke; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Kaitlynn.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Devere Provines, who was killed in World War II, a sister, Lorene Berry, and a son-in-law, Cleo Keller.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating.

Calling will be Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home and Thursday one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in the Farmer Cemetery at Farmer, Ohio.

Memorials are to Newville United Methodist Church or Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

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Harold 'Barney' Ely

BUTLER — Harold J. "Barney" Ely, 77, of Butler and formerly of Avilla died at 2:30 p.m. Monday, June 14, 2004, at the home of his daughter in Butler.

Mr. Ely spent the winter months in Daytona Beach, Fla.

He had been a brick mason and builder for more than 40 years.

He was an avid race fan and had worked at the Avilla race track and later at the Daytona International Speedway for 10 years. He had caps from all the NASCAR teams and drivers and wore one everyday.

Mr. Ely served as a reserve Noble County deputy sheriff. He got his nickname at the Avilla race track because of his resemblance to Barney Fife on the "Andy Griffith" TV show, and like Fife, carried only one bullet in his gun. Most of his friends in Avilla and Daytona Beach never knew his real name.

He was a World War II U.S. Army veteran serving in France and Germany. He was a member of Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Mr. Ely was born Dec. 5, 1926, in LaGrange County to Norven and Maude (Gable) Ely. In 1973, he married R. June Rowe. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Sue Ann and Larry Montgomery of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry L. and Marie Ely of Fort Wayne and Rickey L. and Lisa Ely of Avilla; two stepchildren, Fred A. and Brenda Myers of Avondale, Ariz., and Linda D. and Michael Amstutz of Auburn; a brother, Carl Ely of Kendallville; a sister, Mildred Rottger of Auburn; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating.

Memorials are to NASCAR Victory Junction Camp or the DeKalb County Hospice.

Bert Gearhart

BUTLER — Bert M. Gearhart, 80, of Butler died Monday, June 14, 2004, at 4 a.m. at his home.

Mr. Gearhart was employed as a shipping scheduler at Tri-Wall Containers for 20 years and had served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of the Butler post of the American Legion, Forest Lodge 239 F. & A.M., the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and the Butler Board of Zoning Appeals. He was a retired 20-year member of the Butler Fire Department, which he had served as chief.

He was born Aug. 25, 1923, in Butler to Bert and Gladys (Oberlin) Gearhart. They preceded him in death.

He married Ruth Cotrill on Nov. 26, 1948, in Angola. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brett and Lora Gearhart and Marc Gearhart, all of Butler; a daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and Roger Petre of Butler; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with Pastor Frank Weller officiating. Burial with military honors will be in the Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Butler Fire Department.

Allen Thacker

GARRETT — Allen Paul Thacker, 78, of Garrett died Monday, June 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He formerly lived in Butler and had retired from both Universal Tool of Butler and Edgerton Metals of Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Thacker was born May 9, 1926, in Pikeville, Ky., to Oliver and Julie (Thacker) Thacker. They preceded him in death.

In 1946 in Pikeville, he married Gladys Thacker. She died in 1978.

Surviving are three sons, Bill, Paul and Clarence Thacker, all of Garrett; two daughters, Julia Irish and Allena Thacker, both of Butler; a brother, Dennis Thacker of Lexington, Ky.; two sisters, June Damron of Elmwood Park, Ill., and Stella Stiltner of Grundy, Va.; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife and parents, were a daughter, Thelma Ann, who died in infancy, five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Betty Rheinheimer

LAGRANGE — Betty J. Rheinheimer, 80, of LaGrange died at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Rheinheimer was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and had been a cook at the 5&20 Country Kitchen in Shipshewana.

She was born Oct. 26, 1923, in LaGrange County to Noel C. and Georgia (Walter) Rowan.

Surviving are a son, James D. Rheinheimer of LaGrange; a brother, Karl Rowan of LaGrange; a sister, Lucille Nelson of Shipshewana; four grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Cancer Society.

Donna Hiner

MARKLE — Donna Kay Hiner, 55, of Markle died Sunday, June 13, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

She was a senior technical support associate for Raytheon Corp. for 18 years.

She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 1421 in Waynedale, and enjoyed crafts, quilting, reading and fishing.

Surviving are her parents, Dan and Virginia Hiner of Markle; a son, Christopher Hiner of Cleveland; one sister, Debie Hiner of Markle; two brothers, Hillard Daniel Hiner Jr., of Harrisburg, Pa., and Hugh Dennis Hiner of Butler; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to her grandchildren for their educational expenses.

Homer Sutton Jr.

ORLAND — Funeral services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont for Homer Sutton Jr., 73, of Orland.

Mr. Sutton died at his residence on Monday, June 14, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Bernadette Sutton.

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Horse kick kills man

LAGRANGE — A LaGrange County farmer died Tuesday shortly after a horse kicked him at his residence northeast of LaGrange.

William Hochstetler, 58, of the 1000 block of North C.R. 300E, was kicked in the chest and died shortly after the incident, according to Indiana State Police Detective Jeff Boyd.

Police and EMS units were called to the scene of an injured man at 10:53 a.m.

According to LaGrange County Coroner Frank Jagoda, the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the chest.

Jagoda said he was told by his deputy at the scene that Hochstetler had been hooking his horse up to a piece of equipment when the animal kicked him.

Among his survivors are his wife, Rosa, four daughters and seven sons. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Because the cause of death is so evident, an autopsy is not needed, Jagoda said.

William Hochstetler

LAGRANGE — William A. Hochstetler, 58, of LaGrange died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Hochstetler was a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a farmer.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Feb. 24, 1946, in LaGrange to Amos W. and Edna J. (Weaver) Hochstetler. They are deceased. On Oct. 8, 1964, in LaGrange, he married Rosa M. Hochstetler. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Vernon Troyer of LaGrange, Edna and Joe Davon Yoder of Howe, Ruby and Lyle Dean Miller of Topeka and Sarah and Ivan Lambright of Shipshewana; seven sons and four daughters-in-law, Vernon Hochstetler, Daniel Hochstetler, Elmer Hochstetler, Howard and Carolyn Hochstetler and Alvin and JoAnna Hochstetler, all of LaGrange, and Amos and Leora Hochstetler and David and Wilma Hochstetler, all of Topeka; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Esther and Tobe Miller and Erma and Richard Bontrager, all of LaGrange, and Sarah Mae Hochstetler, Wilma and LeRoy Hershberger and Irene and LeRoy Miller, all of Shipshewana; and 38 grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Kenneth Lee Hochstetler.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the Mervin Whetstone residence at 150 N. C.R. 300E, LaGrange, with Bishop Daniel Hershberger and ministers Willy Schrock and Floyd Schmucker officiating. Burial will be in Bloomfield Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Thursday at the family residence at 1415 N. C.R. 300E, LaGrange.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Pauline Delanoy

ALBION — Pauline Delanoy, 81, of rural Albion died at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Among her survivors are her husband, Robert O. Delanoy; a son, Dale E. Delanoy of Churubusco; and two daughters, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco and Bonnie Scheckler of Albion.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

***THIS OBITUARY** is being republished with correct calling hours. We apologize for the error.*

Verl Provines

BUTLER — Calling for Verl R. Provines, 84, of Butler will be today from 3 to 7 p.m. and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating.

Burial will be in Farmer Cemetery at Farmer, Ohio.

Mr. Provines died Sunday, June 13, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

He was a lifetime farmer in Stafford Township, retiring in 1998. He was a former member of the DeKalb County Fair Board and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and its board of directors.

He was born July 15, 1919, in DeKalb County to Milo and Lucille (Gee) Provines. They preceded him in death.

On May 24, 1941, he married Letha Weisz in Edgerton, Ohio. After 59 years of marriage, she died on Sept. 1, 2000.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lois and Thomas Garman of Markle and Mary and Patrick Crow of Spencerville; two brothers, James Provines of Butler and Darwin Provines of St. Joe; a sister, Melva Eakright of Butler; five grandchildren, Amy Ewers of Wolcottville, Mitchell Keller of Ossian, David Crow of Fort Wayne, Julie Christensen of Indianapolis and Jennifer Gray of Roanoke; and two great-grandchildren, Jessica and Kaitlynn.

He also was preceded in death by a brother, Devere Provines, who was killed in World War II, a sister, Lorene Berry, and a son-in-law, Cleo Keller.

Memorials are to Newville United Methodist Church or Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church.

Susan Christie

FORT WAYNE — Susan K. Christie, 59, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at her home.

She was a homemaker and sold Avon products for more than 20 years.

Mrs. Christie was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church.

Surviving are her husband, Steven F. Christie of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Jennifer J. Christie of Fort Wayne; a son, Michael A. Relue of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren; her mother, Pauline M. Siddall of Hamilton; and two sisters, Sharon J. Meitz of Fort Wayne and Sandra L. Siddall of Hamilton.

Preceding her in death was her father, Bert J. Siddall.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at the Trinity Episcopal Church Crypt.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Hospice.

Homer Sutton Jr.

ORLAND — Homer Sutton Jr., 73, of Orland, died Monday, June 14, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Sutton was born Sept. 25, 1930, in Angola, to Homer H. Sr. and Nellie (Lahrman) Sutton. He was married to Bernadette Alday on June 3, 1951, in Orland. She survives.

He worked at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 26 years. He was a member of the Orland Lions Club and the Orland United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

His hobbies included fishing, especially ice fishing, and woodworking.

Also surviving are two sons, Danny Sutton of LaGrange and Mark Sutton of Orland; a grandson, Gary Sutton of Germany; three sisters, Mary Schaefer of Orland, Suzie Galloway of Mishawaka and Karen Kline of LaGrange; and two brothers, Charles Sutton of Orland and David Sutton of Sturgis, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Ruth Hale and Norma Peet, and a brother, Richard.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Orland United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Calling is Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Memorials are to Orland Fire and Rescue or the American Cancer Society.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with the name of an additional survivor.*

Allen Thacker

GARRETT — Allen Paul Thacker, 78, of Garrett died Monday, June 14, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He formerly lived in Butler and had retired from both Universal Tool of Butler and Edgerton Metals of Edgerton, Ohio.

Mr. Thacker was born May 9, 1926, in Pikeville, Ky., to Oliver and Julie (Thacker) Thacker. They preceded him in death.

In 1946 in Pikeville, he married Gladys Thacker. She died in 1978.

Surviving are three sons, Bill, Paul and Clarence Thacker, all of Garrett; three daughters, Julia Irish and Allena Thacker, both of Butler, and Brittani Reed of Bryan, Ohio; a brother, Dennis Thacker of Lexington, Ky.; two sisters, June Damron of Elmwood Park, Ill., and Stella Stiltner of Grundy, Va.; 16 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife and parents, were a daughter, Thelma Ann, who died in infancy, five brothers and three sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Lloyd Mealer officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jack Gear

VAN WERT, Ohio — Jack R. Gear, 79, of Van Wert died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Van Wert Manor nursing home.

He retired in 1985 after 43 years as a conductor for the Pennsylvania Railroad, Amtrak and Conrail.

A veteran of World War II, he was a committee chairman of the Boy Scouts of America for 20 years.

He was born in Indianapolis on Aug. 12, 1924, to Mark M. and Edith (Neidig) Gear.

On Aug. 10, 1947, in Middle Point, Ohio, he married Mary DuVall. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, John Gear of Dallas, Texas, and Mark Gear and Dale Gear, both of Middle Point; a daughter, Carol Gear of Auburn; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a son, Carl Gear, and his parents.

Services will be at noon Friday (Indiana time) at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, the Rev. Paul Miller officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jason Gear. Burial will be at Ridge Cemetery in Middle Point.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church of Van Wert.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to list additional surviving relatives.*

Helen Fuleki

AUBURN — Helen M. Fuleki, 80, of Auburn died Monday June 14, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and loved to do crafts and sew.

She was born Feb. 17, 1924, in Butler to Jacob and Edna (Taylor) McDonald.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Fuleki, on March 10, 2002.

Surviving are five sons, Ronald Fuleki of Butler, Emery "Vince" Fuleki of Auburn, Joseph Fuleki of Poe, Gary Fuleki of St. Joe and Dennis Fuleki of Auburn; 17 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; a brother, Harold McDonald of Butler; and a sister, Lois Cordes of Florida.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Don Kleinschmidt officiating. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation.

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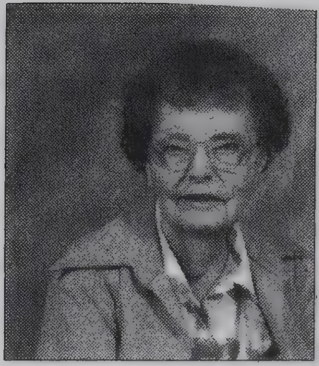

Bertha Rife

COLUMBIA CITY – Bertha May Rife, 94, of Columbia City died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at Avalon Village in Ligonier where she had been a resident since December 2003.

Mrs. Rife grew up in Wolf Lake and was educated in the Wolf Lake School. She had lived at Columbia City since 1982.

She was a homemaker and a member of Big Lake Church of God and the Missionary Society.

Mrs. Rife was born May 1, 1910, near Wolf Lake to John and Minnie (Mack) Gray. In 1927, she married Arthur O. "Bob" Rife. He died October 21, 1975.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a son, Virgil, in 1951; a sister, Clara Boner; and six brothers, Walter, Arthur, Carl, Ralph, Harry and Vernie Gray.

Services were held Monday, June 14, 2004, at Big Lake Church of God, Columbia City, with the Rev. Tim Kumfer and the Rev. J. Phillip Blake officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to Big Lake Church of God.

Louise Shaw

ALBION – Louise A. Shaw, 62, of Albion, died Thursday, June 10, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since April 6, 2004.

She was born in Granville, New York on April 5, 1942 to Charles and Anna (Jurnack) Baker.

She was married to Donald H. Shaw in 1971 in Albion. She was a homemaker and a member of the Albion Eagles.

She is survived by her husband, Donald in Albion; one daughter and son-in-law, Thersa (Petterson) (Brian) Bajgrowicz of Marion; one granddaughter, Jessica Lynn Peterson of Fort Wayne; one brother, John Baker of Granville, New York; and two sisters, Rose Ann Harrington of Salem, New York, and Gloria Petty of Cossayuna, New York.

Mrs. Shaw was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Anna (Jurnack) Baker; and one son, Allen Shaw on September 7, 2000.

Services will be held at Robert M. King Funeral Home, 23 Church Street, Granville, NY, 12832. Burial will be in Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Granville, New York.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Walter Stanley

KENDALLVILLE – Walter "Jr." Stanley, 58, of Kendallville died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at his residence.

He was employed at Flint & Walling and was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the U.S. Army.

He was born January 14, 1946, in Lackey, KY.

Surviving are his former wife, Ernestine Stanley of Wolcottville; three sons, David Stanley of Bronson, MI, Daniel Stanley of Wolcottville, and Zackery Stanley of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Geneva Hall of Avilla, Freda and John McRoberts of Avilla and Virginia Stanley of Fort Wayne; five grandsons, Auston Hoover of Avilla, Shawn McRoberts of Avilla, Devin McRoberts of Avilla, Robbie Stanley of Wolcottville and Jordan Hall of Avilla; one granddaughter, Alea Stanley of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, Ken and Sue Wallace of Waterloo; and one uncle and aunt, Paul and Polly Stanley of Kendallville.

Preceding him in death were a grandson, Bailey Hall; and two aunts, Ann Boggs and Corrine Fitzpatrick.

Services were Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Violet DePew

COLUMBIA CITY – Violet Mae DePew, 90, of Columbia City died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at The Oaks Living Center where she had been a resident since October 2002.

Mrs. DePew had lived in Columbia City since 1984. Prior to that she and her husband had lived on a farm near Ormas in Noble Township in Noble County. They spent the winter months for 21 years in Florida.

She was a homemaker and a member of Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

She was born October 11, 1913, in Green Township, Noble County, to George and Nannie (Wright) Hoffman. On May 23, 1931, she married Vaughn David DePew. He died October 11, 1995.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Max and Vivian DePew of Fort Wayne and Keith and Bonnie DePew of Churubusco; a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Norman Level of Garrett; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley; a great-grandson; and a brother, Basil Hoffman.

Services were held Saturday, June 12, 2004, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City, with the Rev. Terry Zolman, pastor of Merriam Christian Chapel Church, officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorial are to Merriam Christian Chapel Church.

Janice Petrie

ALBION – Janice Marie Petrie, 62, of Albion died Tuesday, June 8, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient since Sunday.

Mrs. Petrie was a lifetime Noble County resident and had retired in 1998 after 30 years of service at Dana Corp. in Churubusco.

She attended Rehoboth Church, rural Albion, and was a member of York Township Home Extension Club. She will be remembered as being a very spiritual woman who enjoyed attending gospel and religious concerts. She also enjoyed crocheting and reading.

She was born October 31, 1941, in Kendallville to Ray P. and Alta M. (Polston) Engle. She graduated in 1959 from Albion High School. On September 4, 1959, at Wawaka Church of the Brethren, she married John Howard Petrie, Sr. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, John Petrie, Jr. of Albion, Jack and Sandy Petrie of Albion and Joe Petrie of Athens, WI; a daughter, Jane Harhigh of Fort Wayne; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Irene Engle of Springfield, Ohio; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Jack Engle, in 1958.

Services were held Saturday, June 12, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Gerald Ringenburg officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the Rehoboth Church.

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Kenneth Nichols

ALBION – Kenneth A. Nichols, 90, of Albion, died Friday, June 11, 2004, at home.

Mr. Nichols was born June 19, 1913, in Whitley County to Charles C. and Eletha Maude (Egolf) Nichols. He was married to Mary Esther Hedges for 69 years. They were married on October 31, 1934, in Columbia City. She survives.

He was a grocer, farmer and real estate broker. He worked for Kroger part-time all through his high school years, then became full-time in 1945. He was the manager of stores in Fort Wayne and Columbia City.

In 1945, he opened his own store in Churubusco, known as Nichols Finer Foods. He owned and operated that until 1950.

He was the Whitley County deputy treasurer for several years and a two-term Whitley County clerk. He was a bookkeeper for LaOtto Elevator and Noble County Credit Union. He was also a dispatcher for several years for the Columbia City police and fire departments. He and his son-in-law, Duane, owned and operated a real estate broker service in Albion.

He had lived in Columbia City and Whitley County for most of his life and moved to Albion in 1994. He and his wife had also spent 16 winters in Florida.

He was a member of Columbia City Masonic Lodge F.&A.M. No. 189. He was a charter member of the Thorn Creek Fire Department in Whitley County and served as secretary-treasurer for the department for over 15 years.

He was a 1932 graduate of Columbia City High School and graduated from college as a real estate ASA broker.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Beverly Rose and Duane Guthrie of Albion and Elaine Kay McGlennen of Lavonia, GA; two sisters, Blanch Patton and Lois Baker, both of Columbia City; seven grandchildren, Kim, Kelly, Kari, Bryan, Deb, Becky and Shelby; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Charles T. "Tom," Paul and Ralph Nichols, and two sisters, Eletha Mathias and Norma Thomas.

Services were held Monday, June 14, 2004, at First Christian Church, Kendallville, with Pastor Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial was in Green Hill Cemetery, Columbia City.

R. Eldon Hardy

AUBURN – R. Eldon Hardy, 85, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 9, 2004, in Auburn.

Mr. Hardy was a tool-and-die maker for Dana Corp. in Auburn for 27 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a member of the Auburn First United Methodist Church, DeKalb Masonic Lodge 214, the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, the Auburn Knights of Pythias Lodge, Auburn Eastern Star and William Hacker Chapter.

He was born June 17, 1918, in South Whitley to Arthur and Harriett (Seery) Hardy.

He married Lucille Barley on August 31, 1940, at the Auburn Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Richard Hardy of Auburn and Robert and Kathleen Hardy of Auburn; a daughter, Carol Ann Payton of Auburn; two brothers, Dean of Allegan, MI, and Roger of Avilla; 11 grandchildren, Joan Winkler, Ron and Tom Morr, Debbie, Kathryn and Tommy Payton, Bob and Rick Hardy, Billy and Crissi Griggs and Lindsay Bowers; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Demaris Allison.

Services were held Monday, June 14, 2004, in the Auburn First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ted Jansen officiating. Special services were provided by the DeKalb Masonic Lodge and Auburn Easter Star Lodge Sunday evening at the funeral home.

Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn First United Methodist Church.

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William Shepherd

WOLCOTTVILLE – William David "Bones" Shepherd, 32, of Wolcottville died Saturday, June 12, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital in LaGrange.

He was a former employee of Dometic Corp. in LaGrange. He moved from Kentucky to LaGrange County in 1988.

He was born October 14, 1971, in McDowell, KY, to Hershel and Marcella (Kilburn) Shepherd. His father preceded him in death on August 7, 1973. His mother survives in Brimfield.

He married Jillann L. (Pairan) Shepherd on January 11, 1997, in Mongo. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Keaton, at home; two daughters, Kerstinn Tropp and Kollienn Tropp, at home; and three brothers, Timothy Shepherd of Kentucky, Kelvin Shepherd of Albion and Bobby Shepherd of Kendallville.

Services were Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at the Full Gospel Revival Center, Rome City, with the Rev. Purda Hicks officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

The Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange was in charge of arrangements.

Glen Akey

SPENCERVILLE — Glen A. Akey, 75, of Spencerville died Wednesday morning, June 16, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Akey was the manager at Newnam Tire Service in Angola and also owned the Spencerville Shell Station. He was a U.S, Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of the Leo post of the American Legion and the Spencerville Volunteer Fire Department. He played basketball for the Spencerville Red Raiders throughout high school and was on the regional championship team of 1946-47.

He was born Dec. 24, 1928, to Leavitt L. and Edith C. (Lochner) Akey. His parents preceded him in death.

He formerly was married to Lois Kimes.

Surviving are a son and his fiancee, Brent Akey and Cindy Jackson of Spencerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Lona and Rich Lock of Albion, a grandson and wife, Denny and Angela Akey of Grabill; two great-grandsons, Trey and Dannon Akey; two brothers, Wilbur "Pete" Akey of St. Joe and Kenny Akey of South Carolina; and two sisters, Ilo Cadorette and Virginia Churchward, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a son, Denny Akey Sr., on March 19, 1996; three brothers, Wayne, Walter and Marion Akey; and a sister, Georgia Akey.

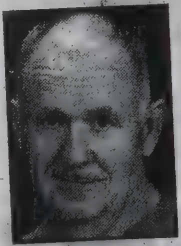
Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Spencerville United Methodist Church with Pastor Gerry Weesner officiating. The family requests casual attire at the services. Burial will be in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 3-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

D. Lyle Adams

CHURUBUSCO — D. Lyle Adams, 66, of Churubusco died at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at The Oaks Nursing Center in Columbia City.



Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams was a retired dairy farmer and school bus driver for Northwest Allen County Schools.

He was born Sept. 12, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Maurice James and Blanche May (Remely) Adams. On March 24, 1962, in Ari, he married Dorothy Arlene McCoy. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Sherri Adams, Rod and Pam Adams and Scott and Sheila Adams, all of Churubusco; a sister, Annalee Fulk of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Kyle Knott, Tasha Knott, Kristi Adams and Hannah Adams; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Eugene Adams and Dale Adams; and a granddaughter, Abigail S. Adams.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubuso with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Burial will be in Perry Township Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ari Church of God, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church or The Chapel.

Charlotte Mead

AUBURN — Charlotte L. Mead, 73, of Auburn died at 7:39 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, in St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mead

She was a machine operator at Electric Motors Specialties in Garrett, retiring in 1993. She had lived in Auburn for the past four years and in Garrett and Auburn for the past 24 years.

Born July 20, 1930 in Angola, she was the daughter of Charles W. and Flossie Mae (Nickel) Carrick.

Surviving are four daughters, Paula Hughes of Kansas City, Mo., Carolyn Kruse of Auburn, Mary Sherwood of Michigan City and Pam Miller of Avilla; four sons, Bob Woodward of Garrett, Randy Emerick of Orland, Bill Mead of Louisberg, Ky., and Michael Mead of Auburn; two sisters, Willma Mae "June" Kaley of Phoenix and Clara Bontriger of Hillsdale, Mich.; a brother, Solomon "Bud" Carrick of Auburn; 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Whitt.

A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Saturday in Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., with Dr. Scott Moss officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Pauline Delanoy

ALBION — Pauline Delanoy, 81, of rural Albion died at 8:55 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne where she had been a resident three years.

Mrs. Delanoy

She was the founding cafeteria director of the former Green Center Elementary School where she worked for eight years. She also did domestic work and baby-sitting.

Mrs. Delanoy was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

She was born Jan. 12, 1923, in York Township in Noble County to Ebony and Ada (Haney) Bair. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1941. On Nov. 29, 1941, she married Robert O. Delanoy at the home of her parents. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale E. and Darlene Delanoy of Churubusco; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco and Bonnie and Don Sheckler of Albion; a brother and sister-in-law, Lynn E. and Anita Bair of Churubusco; two sisters, Nora Jane Bair of Churubusco and Mary Lois Edwards of Albion; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph L. Bair on Jan. 17, 2003, and Paul Bair Sr. on Nov. 26, 2003, and a son-in-law, Willard A. "Bill" Foote on July 3, 2001.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry Zolman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Merriam Christian Chapel Video Fund.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Lowell Williams

FORT WAYNE — Lowell D. Williams, 71, of Fort Wayne died at 6 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Anderson, he was a Chartered Life Underwriter. He was employed at the Indiana University Credit Union and the IPFW campus. He served as director of music and pianist at Garrett United Methodist Church for 15 years.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., with Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Maplewood Cemetery, Anderson.

Calling will be Friday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Son Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. DuPont Road, Fort Wayne, and one hour prior to the service Saturday in the church.

Memorials are to the Garrett United Methodist Church Music Department.

Freada Atkins

ANGOLA — Freada M. Smith Atkins, 81, of Angola died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Atkins was born Nov. 17, 1922, in Steuben County, to Charles and Isdore (Collins) Pairan. She worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for seven years, retiring in 1984.

She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Angola and Ashley Chapter No. 229 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are two sons, Steven A. Smith of Hudson and Stuart D. Smith of Albion; two daughters, Sharon L. Woodward of Garrett and Sandra K. Smith of Hudson; two brothers, Archie Pairan of Orland and Lyle Pairan of Oregon; three sisters, Sarah Bowerman, Violet Gibson and Vera Teller, all of Angola; 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Richard Smith; her second husband, Ronald Atkins; and a brother, Robert Pairan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. today.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society.

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Martha Hull

COLUMBUS — Martha Jane Hull, 70, of Columbus died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital of Bloomington.

Mrs. Hull was born in Columbus to Wayne and Margaret (Patton) Reeves.

She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are her mother, Margaret Reeves of Columbus; a son, David M. Hull of Columbus; a daughter, Susan D. Jones of Columbus; a stepbrother, Dean Patton of Idaho; two half-brothers, Robert and Richard Reeves, both of Columbus; a sister, Shirley McNeish of Angola; two half-sisters, Sharon Collins of Columbus and Wanda Boblit of Kentucky; six grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father; a daughter, Teresa L. Baker; a half-sister, Bernice Reeves; and three half-brothers, Kenneth, Earl and Donald Reeves.

Services will be at noon Friday at Vernon Jewell-Nick Rittman Funeral Home, Columbus, with the Rev. Robert Reeves officiating. Calling will be Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Garland Brook Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Alice Elliott

HOWE — Alice M. Elliott, 82, of Howe died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mrs. Elliott was a homemaker and assisted her husband with the family farm and trucking business. She was a lifetime resident of the Orland and Howe communities.

Mrs. Elliott was a member of Orland Congregational Church and a 50-year member of the Ashley Chapter 229 Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born March 15, 1922, in Orland to Frederick P. and Helen (Lincoln) Booth. On Dec. 26, 1944, in Sturgis, Mich., she married Sherrel M. Elliott. He died Aug. 31, 1996.

Surviving are two sons, Gene A. Elliott of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Wynn Elliott of Spicer, Minn.; a sister-in-law, Lois Booth of Orland; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lincoln Booth and Frederick Booth.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Emelander officiating. Burial will be in Jackson Prairie Cemetery at Orland.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Orland Congregational Church or the donor's choice.

Larry Kuhn Sr.

CROMWELL — Larry S. Kuhn Sr., 58, of Cromwell died of natural causes at 6 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2004, at Whitley Memorial Hospital in Columbia City.

He had retired after 25 years with Fairmont Homes in Nappanee, where he was plant manager.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Kuhn was a 1963 graduate of Wolf Lake High School, and served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army in Vietnam. He enjoyed NASCAR, fishing, hunting, golf and his four chihuahuas, Chichi, Bear, Gray and Miss Hilary Clinton. He was a member of the Rock Church.

He was born Sept. 5, 1945, in Fort Wayne, to Marvin E. and Betty R. (Stump) Kuhn.

He married Emilee Dean on July 5, 2001. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Betty Cochlin of Syracuse; two daughters and sons-in-law, Stephanie and Bobby Jacobs of Cromwell and Suzanne and Arizona Schaefer of Kendallville; a son, Larry S. Kuhn II of Goshen; a stepdaughter and her husband, Michelle and Shawn Dean of Cromwell; two stepsons and a stepdaughter-in-law, Franklin and Donna Dean of Nappanee and Chadd Crow of Nappanee; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kay and Dave Blanchard of Ohio and Angie and Gene Deck of Albion; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Eddie and Sandy Kuhn of Cromwell and Dan and Doreene Kuhn of Cromwell; seven grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Services were Tuesday at the Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Syracuse, with Dr. Gary Tuttle officiating. Burial with military graveside services was at Thorn Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Anna Jacobs

LIGONIER — Anna J. Jacobs, 65, of Ligonier died at 8:25 a.m. Wednesday, June 9, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital in Elkhart.

Mrs. Jacobs was employed at BRC in Ligonier.

She was a member of Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville and enjoyed quilting, flower gardening, birds and photography.

She was born Sept. 17, 1938, in LaGrange County to Jonas J. and Edna N. (Troyer) Weaver. On July 8, 1965, she married Daniel Jacobs. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are a son, Bob Jacobs of Elkhart; three brothers, Calvin Weaver of Shipshewana, Harry Weaver of Topeka and Harley Weaver of Dalton, Wis.; six sisters, Ella Yoder, Susie Wengerd and Edna Bontrager, all of LaGrange, Helen Hostetler of Topeka, Esther Miller of Ligonier and Lydia Bontrager of New Paris; a grandson, Bradley M. Jacobs; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, David Jacobs, in 1976; and a sister, Elsie Miller.

Services were Saturday in Community Baptist Church of Wolcottville with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Steven Brown

Steven L. Brown of Riverview, Fla., formerly of Ligonier, passed away June 11, 2004 after a brief illness. He was born in September 12, 1946 in Champaign, Ill. Mr. Brown was a miller by trade, working in Indiana for many years. He is preceded in death by his step-father, Edward J. Wojitas of Sun City Center, Fla., in 2000. He is survived by his mother, Evelyn L. Wojitas of Sun City Center; his wife, Haydee of Riverview; two daughters, Tammy Hoderread and Cheryle Brown, both from Indiana, and two sons, Tinmothy of Indiana and Christopher of Ohio.

A private interment will take place at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla. Arrangements are by Lewers Funeral Home, Ruskin, Fla.

Man killed by horse kick

LAGRANGE — A LaGrange County farmer died Tuesday shortly after a horse kicked him at his residence northeast of LaGrange.

William Hochstetler, 58, of the 1000 block of North C.R. 300E, was kicked in the chest and died shortly after the incident, according to Indiana State Police Detective Jeff Boyd.

According to LaGrange County Coroner Frank Jagoda, the cause of death was blunt force trauma to the chest.

Jagoda said he was told by his deputy at the scene that Hochstetler had been hooking his horse up to a piece of equipment when the animal kicked him.

This obituary is being republished to correct information on service times originally provided by the funeral home.

Charlotte Mead

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Mrs. Mead

She was a machine operator at Electric Motors Specialties in Garrett, retiring in 1993. She had lived in Auburn for the past four years and in Garrett and Auburn for the past 24 years.

Born July 20, 1930, in Angola, she was the daughter of Charles W. and Flossie Mae (Nickel) Carrick.

Surviving are four daughters, Paula Hughes of Kansas City, Mo., Carolyn Kruse of Auburn, Mary Sherwood of Michigan City and Pam Miller of Avilla; four sons, Bob Woodward of Garrett, Randy Emerick of Orland, Bill Mead of Louisberg, Ky., and Michael Mead of Auburn; two sisters, Willma Mae "June" Kaley of Phoenix and Clara Bontriger of Hillsdale, Mich.; a brother, Solomon "Bud" Carrick of Auburn; 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Mary Whitt.

A memorial service will be at 5 p.m. Saturday in Garrett United Methodist Church, 110 W. Houston St., with Dr. Scott Moss officiating.

Delbert Cope

ANGOLA — Delbert D. Cope, 75, of Angola died Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Cope was born July 20, 1928, in Steuben County, to Andrew and Lela (Enger) Cope. He married Betty Cope in Angola on June 7, 1947. She survives.

He worked at Pet Milk and retired in 1988. He was a member of Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Gerald Cope of Angola; a daughter, Cynthia "Sam" Junot of Angola; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Lynda Brandanger, on Jan. 10, 2004; five brothers, Gene, Benny, Tommy, Bill and Jack Cope; and six sisters, Emily Parrish, June Zimmerman, Marge Morris, Katherine Grider, Clara Mullins and Beulah Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Fairview Missionary Church, with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Joan Brames

FORT WAYNE — Joan C. Brames, 67, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at Heritage Park Health Care Center.

Mrs. Brames was born in Fort Wayne to Frank and Caroline Van Allen. She was a homemaker and enjoyed spending her summers at Lake James, boating and being with her grandchildren.

She was a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Richard L. of Fort Wayne; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donna and Kevin Hieber of Grabill, Annette and Jeff Buzzard of New Haven, Carolyn and Andy Fultz of Angola and Susan and David Rodenbeck of Grabill; a son, Mike D. Brames of Pleasant Lake; a brother and sister-in-law, William and Laura Van Allen of New Haven; nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Jackie Van Allen; and a grandson, Jerry Henderson II.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Calling is today at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., with a vigil service at 3:30 p.m., and also one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County or League for the Blind and Disabled.

Nina O'Keefe

HAMILTON — Nina Jean O'Keefe, 43, of Hamilton died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. O'Keefe was born April 17, 1961, in Anaheim, Calif., to Frank and Janet Evelyn (Goree) Gammel. She was married to Robert O'Keefe on Nov. 2, 1980, and he survives.

She was a homemaker. She was an active member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church, and has been very involved with sports at Hamilton schools and her children's activities. She was involved with the March of Dimes and various community fund-raising events.

Surviving are her mother, Janet Gammel of Angola; two sons, Christopher and Kevin O'Keefe, both of Hamilton; two daughters, Jennifer O'Keefe of Fort Wayne and Mellisa Willibey of Butler; a granddaughter, Kayla Willibey; two brothers, Michael Gammel of Marina Valley, Calif., and Jeffery Gammel of Angola; and a sister, Sheryl Gammel of Angola.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Hamilton United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Calling is Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Danita Fleck

ROME CITY — Danita E. Fleck, 83, of Rome City died at her home Thursday, June 17, 2004.

Arrangements are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Harold Ely

BUTLER — A memorial service for Harold J. "Barney" Ely, 77, of Butler and formerly of Avilla, will be at 7 p.m. Monday at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with the Rev. Clare Jewell officiating. Mr. Ely died Monday, June 14, 2004, at the home of his daughter in Butler.

Naomi Miller

GOSHEN — Naomi D. Miller, 50, of Goshen died Friday, June 18, 2004, at 12:20 p.m. in Goshen Hospital after a year-long illness.

Mrs. Miller was the secretary for Hoosier Interior Door in Goshen and housekeeper for Cancer Care Home in Goshen. She was a member of Fair Haven Mennonite Church.

She had lived in the Goshen area for 22 years.

She was born Sept. 29, 1953, in Dover, Del., to Dan A. and Malinda A. (Miller) Yoder. Her mother preceded her in death. Her father survives in Crab Orchard, Ky.

On Nov. 11, 1971, she married Yost Miller. He survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jay Dee and Rosetta Hochstetler of Millersburg and Ryan and Crystal Miller of Middlebury; two sons and daughters-in-law, Merlin and Lila Miller and Kevin and Treva Miller, all of Goshen; five sisters and brothers-in-law, John and Mattie Miller of Dover, Del., Andy and Mary Miller of Peebles, Ohio, and David and Lena Troyer, Henry and Melinda Miller and Allen and Sadie Byler, all of Crab Orchard, Ky.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Ammon and Ida Mae Yoder of Gradyville, Ky., Calvin and Rosa Yoder of Dover, Del., and John and Jeannie Yoder of Reading, Pa.; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Beachy, and a stillborn child.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Fair Haven Mennonite Church, 13513 S.R. 4, east of Goshen. Bishop Wilbur L. Yoder and the Revs. Dan B. Miller and Harvey J. A. Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 5-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Danita Fleck

ROME CITY — Danita Earlene Fleck, 83, of Rome City died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at 3 p.m. at her residence after a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Fleck was a farmer's wife and worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for about five years during World War II.

She had lived on Latta Lake since she was 8 years old.

She was born April 25, 1921, in LaGrange County to Jess Earl and Cora Edna (Butler) Adams.

On Feb. 2, 1948, in Arcola, she married Norman R. Fleck. He preceded her in death on May 11, 1987.

Surviving are a daughter, Norma Allen of L'Anse, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Lawrence "Larry" and Carmen Fleck and Raymond "Jess" and Edna Fleck, all of Rome City; and three grandchildren, Amy and Aaron Allen and Daniel Fleck.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, John Adams.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in Hutchins Funeral Home, S.R. 9, Wolcottville. Burial will be in Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Helen Crider

LAGRANGE — Helen D. Crider, 79, of LaGrange died Thursday, June 17, 2004, in LaGrange Community Hospital.

She was retired from Essex Wire Corp. and had lived in the LaGrange community since the 1950s.

She was born Feb. 13, 1925, in Huntington to Harley and Alta (Line) Davis. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a companion, J.R. Wegener of LaGrange; two daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon and Kenneth Jones of Topeka and Susan Koelling of Pittsburg, Calif.; two brothers, Herbert C. Davis of Bullhead City, Ariz., and Russell Davis of Oregon; a sister, Ruth Wood of Southport, Fla.; eight grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Joe Linton, and a brother, Jim Davis.

Graveside services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell. The Rev. Joseph R. Brickey will officiate. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home of LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

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Jerry Shull

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Jerry Alan Shull, 56, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extended illness.

Mr. Shull was employed for 25 years at Fleetwood Travel Trailers in Edgerton, Ohio. He was an avid bowler and was a drag race car driver and owner for 34 years. He was the runner-up at the Indianapolis Raceway Park ET Bracket Finals in 1984.

Mr. Shull served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5087 in Antwerp, Ohio. He was a 1966 graduate of Antwerp High School.

He was born Sept. 27, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Donald M. and Genevive (Happel) Shull.

He married Marolyn Knight in 1968 and she survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are his parents, Don and Beverly Shull of Antwerp; three sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Charlene of Hicksville, Jason and Becky of Avilla and John and Amber of Hicksville; nine grandchildren, Chandra, Jeremiah, Shawn, Jeff, Paul, Robbie, Jared, Mackinzie and Olivia; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dick of Antwerp, Jim of Bryan, Ohio, Mark and Maggie of Defiance, Ohio, and Greg and Alice of Cecil, Ohio; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sandy Creasey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cathy and Earl of Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Genevive, and his grandparents.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. Indiana time at the Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Military honors will be provided by the Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

Calling will be today and Sunday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. Indiana time each day at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Monday.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Brady Shively

AUBURN — Infant Brady Shively was stillborn Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at 7:35 a.m. at Dupont Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his parents, Matt and Krissy Shively of Auburn; a brother, Bryce Shively at home; grandparents Paul and Becky Omo of Harlan, Bill and Linda Wagler of Hicksville, Ohio, and Steve Shively of Fort Wayne; and great-grandparents, George and Jean Omo of Harlan and Gerald and Anita Pensinger of Albion.

Graveside services will be at noon today in Scipio Cemetery, Harlan.

Arrangements are by the Hockemeyer Funeral Home, Harlan.

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Sutton remembered as 'best man'

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ORLAND — Bernadette Alday Sutton's memories of high school include being smitten with the man she would one day marry — and be with for 53 years.

"We went to school together in Orland," Bernadette recalled. "He was two years ahead of me. I always had a crush on him."

Bernadette and Homer — or Junior as he was called back in his school days — went to the movies together on their first date, after the two of them graduated from high school.

"He took me home, and that was it," Bernadette said.

The couple celebrated their 53rd anniversary on June 3. That was a goal that Homer, who had been sick with cancer, was striving for with all his might, Bernadette said.

"He told me he wanted to stay around until we'd been married for 53 years," Bernadette said with obvious affection in her voice.

Homer met his goal, but succumbed on June 14 to the lymphoma that was ravaging his body.

Bernadette said the best way to describe her husband was "the best man there was."

"I couldn't have done any better," she said.

Mr. Sutton worked at Dana-Weatherhead in Angola for 26 years. He was a member of the Orland Lions Club and the Orland United Methodist Church. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War. His hobbies included fishing, especially ice fishing, and woodworking.

Mr. Sutton was very close to his 19-year-old grandson, Gary, who is in the Army and is currently stationed in Germany.

"I spent a lot of summers with him," Gary said. "We went fishing, did some carpentry, mowed the lawn and worked in the garden."

Bernadette said Homer's love for his grandson was boundless.

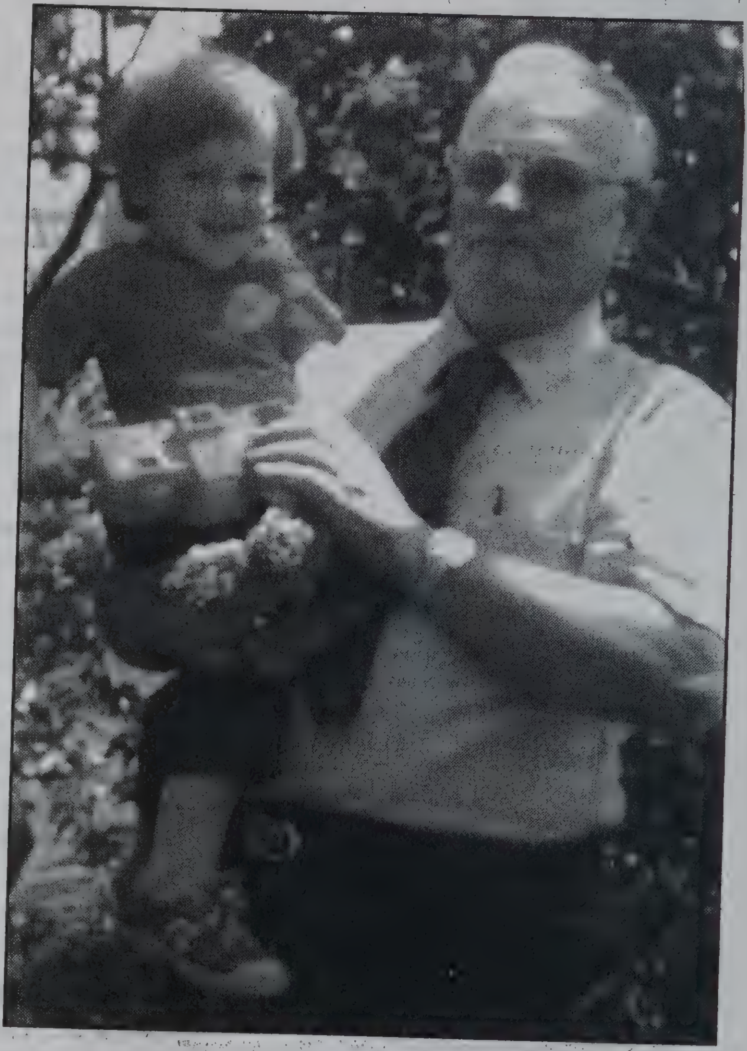
"He loved him like he was his own," she said.

Gary said his grandfather was a happy man who maintained a positive outlook and loving manner even as he grew sicker.

"That's how he was," Gary said.

Bernadette said she is grateful for the five decades she spent with a man she adored.

"Junior was a great person all the way around," she said.



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Homer "Junior" Sutton holds his grandson, Gary, who now is 19 and is stationed in Germany. Homer's widow, Bernadette, says Homer was a great person.

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Reuah Davis

AUBURN — Reuah S. Davis, 103, of Auburn, died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Davis worked in the cafeteria of the Waterloo schools for 37 years before retiring in 1980. She co-owned and operated the Green Parrot Restaurant in Waterloo from 1938 to 1944.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church, Ashley-Waterloo Eastern Star Lodge, White Shrine and the DeKalb County Democrats Ladies Club, and she served as a Democrat precint committeeman for 30 years.

She was born July 24, 1900, in Waterloo to Frank O. and Clara (Stomm) Lees.

She married Rollin Bixler in 1926. He preceded her in death in 1953. She then married Dale Davis in 1962, and he survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Judith Ann and David Capp of Butler; one sister, Ruby Emmite of Florida; four grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death are two sisters, Verna Blanch Lees and Marie Rose; one son, Richard Edward Bixler; and one grandson.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Burial will be at Circle Cemetery in Hudson.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the church or Lakewood Christian School or Cornerstone Christian School.

E-mail condolences to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Alvin Marquis

ANGOLA — Alvin E. "Buss" Marquis, 71, of Angola, died Friday, June 18, 2004, in Angola.

Mr. Marquis was vice president of operations for the Lime-O-Sol Co. in Ashley.

He served in the U.S. Air Force in Korea and was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association; Popular Roto Craft Association in Coldwater, Mich.; AirCraft Owners and Pilots Association; and Tri State Hanger Association, where he was the secretary.

He was born March 13, 1933, in Peru to Alven U. and Mary (Baber) Marquis.

He married Charlene Sharp of Angola on Nov. 1, 1953, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Joni Marquis of Avon; a daughter, Susan Byrne of Angola; two brothers, Jerry Marquis of Peru and James Marquis of Plainfield; and three grandchildren, Scott, Todd and Tracy Byrne of Angola.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy Funeral Home in Peru. The Rev. Ronald Bowland will officiate. Burial will be at Everest Memorial Park in Logansport.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola and Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Eikenberry-Eddy.

Memorials to Grace Brethren Church in Peru.

Clyde James

WOLCOTTVILLE — Clyde A. James, 72, of Wolcottville, died Friday, June 18, 2004, at his residence on the James Century Farm.

Mr. James was a lifelong resident of LaGrange County and was employed for the past 20 years at the Turkey Lake Tavern in Stroh as the company's maintenance engineer. Prior to that, he worked at Truehaul Trailer in Fort Wayne and Kehr Iron Works in LaGrange and farmed the family homestead established in 1830.

He was active in the FFA and 4-H during his youth and a 1950 graduate of Kendallville High School. He enjoyed designing and racing go-carts, playing the guitar and traveling in the West. He was a direct descendant of Jesse James and former President Millard Fillmore.

He was born March 21, 1932, in Milford Township to John and Retha (Spearow) James.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dale and Betty A. Hoppensteadt of Winfield, Ill.; five sons and four daughters-in-law, David J. and Penny James of Albion; Dennis R. and Marie James of Oxford, N.J.; Jeffery A. James of Wolcottville; W. Michael and Karen James of Norman; Dr. Mark and Emily James of Bedford, Penn.; 12 grandchildren; two great granddaughters; and his companion, Lois Davis of Stroh.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a graveside service immediately following at Woodruff Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home.

Memorials to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, LaGrange Branch.

LaMar Haskins

OKEECHBOBEE, Fla. — LaMar J. Haskins, 83, of Okeechobee, Fla., and formerly of Hamilton, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, in Okeechobee.

Mr. Haskins was a machine operator and a veteran.

He was born March 19, 1921, in Hamilton to Leon and Caro (Harger) Haskins.

He married LaDonna Miller 39 years ago, and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jim Haskins of St. Louis; a daughter, Patricia Waters of Hamilton; two stepsons, Conrad Ruhl of Montgomery, Mich., and Thomas Ruhl of Angola; a brother, George Haskins of Hamilton; nine grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Flint Cemetery in Steuben County with burial to follow. The Rev. Eric Stoops will officiate.

Calling will be Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Freeda Smolinski

KENDALLVILLE — Freeda Smolinski, 91, of Kendallville, died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital Critical Care Unit in Kendallville. Arrangements are pending with Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Benjamin Hardesty

WOLCOTTVILLE — Benjamin Alexander Hardesty, infant, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview North in Fort Wayne.

He was born to Wendell and Bridget (Gotshall) Hardesty of Wolcottville.

Also surviving are grandparents, Larry and Sara Gotshall of Wolcottville and Ovie and Barbara Sizemore of Rome City; and great grandparents, Walter and Leona Meyer of South Bend and Dorothy Gotshall of West Unity, Ohio.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Dan Baker will officiate.

Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

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Wava Aughenbaugh

FREMONT — Wava I. Aughenbaugh, 84, of Fremont died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Aughenbaugh was born April 14, 1920, in Edgerton, Ohio. She was a supervisor at General Electric for 36 years. She was a graduate of Auburn High School.

She was a member of the Angola Women of the Moose and a life member of the Elex Club at General Electric.

Surviving are her companion, Joseph Schneider of Fremont; a stepson, Phillip E. Aughenbaugh of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Shirley Mowry of Angola; five grandchildren, Tom Aughenbaugh, Denise Aughenbaugh, Coleen Fritsch, Marie Comparet and Joan Aughenbaugh, all of Fort Wayne; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dan Aughenbaugh; a stepson, John Aughenbaugh, and a granddaughter, Lou Ann Jackson.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is Tuesday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

Floyd Creecy

AUBURN — Floyd Clifford Creecy, 69, of Auburn died Sunday at Naples Community Hospital, Naples, Fla.

Services are pending at the Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo.

Emy Klein

HUNTINGTON — Emy Lou Klein, 83, of Huntington died at 1:10 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Covington Manor Nursing Center at Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and was active at Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne, and was a Brownie and Cub Scout leader. She had taught Sunday school 12 years.

Mrs. Klein was born Aug. 23, 1920, in Hawthorne, N.J., to George Albert and Louise Margaret (Leschorn) Whitla.

She married Harry William Klein in Elkton, Md., on Jan. 26, 1942. He survives.

Other survivors are four sons, Harry Klein Jr., of Lima, Ohio, Gregory R. Klein of Fort Wayne, Dennis J. Klein of Huntington, and Robert E. Klein of Avon; a daughter, Kathy L. Bergdall of Leo-Cedarville; three sisters; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a brother.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity Episcopal Church, 611 W. Berry St., Fort Wayne.

Freeda Smolinske

KENDALLVILLE — Freeda B. Smolinske, 91, of Kendallville died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient since Tuesday.

Mrs. Smolinske had been an inspector at Monsanto in Ligonier 20 years and an Avon representative.

She was a lifetime Noble County resident and had lived in Albion most of her life. She had resided in Kendallville the past six years.

Mrs. Smolinske was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. She enjoyed crocheting, fishing and following IU basketball.

She was born May 22, 1913, in Noble County the daughter of Charles L. and Mabel (Tyler) Emahiser. On Jan. 8, 1933, in Albion she married Harold V. Smolinske. He died Sept. 17, 1978.

Surviving are seven grandchildren and their spouses, Shelly and Ed Waldron, Steve and Donna Smolinske, Jim Smolinske, Darold and Candi Smolinske, Travis Smolinske, Tiffany Smolinske and Matt Smolinske; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack Smolinske on Nov. 5, 1999; a granddaughter, Candi; two sisters, Maggie Allen and Evelyn Pforter; and a brother, Floyd Emahiser.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Jerry Shull

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Jerry Alan Shull, 56, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extended illness.

Mr. Shull was employed for 25 years at Fleetwood Travel Trailers in Edgerton, Ohio. He was an avid bowler and was a drag race car driver and owner for 34 years. He was the runner-up at the Indianapolis Raceway Park ET Bracket Finals in 1984.

Mr. Shull served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5087 in Antwerp, Ohio. He was a 1966 graduate of Antwerp High School.

He was born Sept. 27, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Donald M. and Genevive (Happel) Shull.

He married Marolyn Knight in 1968 and she survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are his parents, Don and Beverly Shull of Antwerp; three sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Charlene of Hicksville, Jason and Becky of Avilla and John and Amber of Hicksville; nine grandchildren, Chandra, Jeremiah, Shawn, Jeff, Paul, Robbie, Jared, Mackinzie and Olivia; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dick of Antwerp, Jim of Bryan, Ohio, Mark and Maggie of Defiance, Ohio, and Greg and Alice of Cecil, Ohio; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sandy Creasey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cathy and Earl Hamil of Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Genevive, and his grandparents.

Services were today at 1 p.m. Indiana time at the Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Military honors will be provided by the Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Leona Konger

FORT WAYNE — Leona M. Konger, 92, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, June 20, 2004.

Mrs. Konger had worked as a computer clerk for Kroger for 24 years, retiring in 1971.

She was a charter member of Queen of Angle Catholic Church.

Mrs. Konger was born Aug. 22, 1911, in Ege. She lived in Kendallville until her marriage to Thomas G. Konger April 12, 1934. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dean and Mary Konger of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Corene and Richard Rooney of Fort Wayne; a sister, Ethel Taylor of Kendallville; a brother, Eugene Hornett of Kendallville; nine grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angles Catholic Church, 1500 W. State St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home with a rosary at 4 p.m. Prayers will be at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Queen of Angles Catholic Church.

Neal Miller

LIGONIER — Neal A. "Nealy" Miller, 79, of Ligonier died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, June 21, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health for several years.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and had worked at Gerring Industries in Shipshewana.

He was a member of Woodlawn Amish Mennonite Church and had volunteered for Christian Aid Ministries.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 10, 1925, in Kokomo the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Troyer) Miller. On Dec. 4, 1947, in Nappanee he married Emma Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Arlene and Marvin Hochstetler of Topeka, Ann Miller of Ligonier, Esther and Loren Graber of Nappanee and Carolyn and Leon Kaufman of Etna Green; two sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Cindy Miller of Carmel and Glen and Bonnie Miller of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Milo Hochstedler of Kokomo; a brother, Owen Miller of Nappanee; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stillborn son; two brothers, Eli Miller and Levi Miller; and a sister, Christine Miller.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Woodlawn Amish Mennonite Church with Bishop Elmer Miller and Mr. Miller's son-in-law, Bishop Loren Graber, officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. today and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Griner Mennonite Church, Middlebury.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospice or Family Nursing Services of Warsaw.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Shane Mettler

BLUFFTON — Shane A. Mettler, 31, of Bluffton died Monday, June 21, 2004, in LaGrange.

Mr. Mettler, a father of three, lived most of his life in Wells County where he graduated from Bluffton High School in 1992.

For the last nine years, he worked for Coca-Cola Co. in Fort Wayne and most recently as the company's home market account manager.

A sports enthusiast, Mr. Mettler was active in basketball and softball.

He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton.

He was born to William R. Mettler of Bluffton and Shirley A. Swinford of Fort Wayne on March 13, 1973.

He is survived by his parents; a stepmother, Janis S. Mettler of Bluffton; two sons and a daughter in Bluffton, Trey A., Peyton A. and Kiersten J. Mettler; his grandparents James and Martha Lehman of Bluffton and Homer and Helen Bates of Ossian; a brother, Shawn M. Mettler of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Marci S.I. Mettler of Bluffton.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Virginia Mettler.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Bluffton with the Revs. Gary Lewis and Bruce Holland officiating. Burial will be in Six Mile Cemetery in Bluffton.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at Thoma/Rich, Hewitt and Chaney Funeral Home in Bluffton and one hour prior to the service Thursday at the church.

Russell Griffus Jr.

LAGRANGE — Russell Griffus Jr., 75, of LaGrange died at noon Monday, June 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Griffus had moved to LaGrange in 1983 from Minnesota. He was retired from Harris-Kayot.

He was a lifetime member of LaGrange American Legion Post 215 and the Sturgis, Mich., VFW Post.

He was born Feb. 23, 1929, in Brant, Mich., the son of Dorothy (Dennis) and Russell E. Griffus Sr. On Nov, 16, 1992, in LaGrange he married Doris A. Steinborn. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kathy Riley of Essexville, Mich., and Tina Hearst of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; four sons, Russell Kim Griffus III of Big Rapids, Mich., Paul Griffus of Bay City, Mich., Michael Griffus of Washington, and John Griffus of St. Charles, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and George Ickes of St. Charles; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Robert E. Griffus.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with graveside services by the LaGrange American Legion Post.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 215 Memorial Fund.

John Powell

CHURUBUSCO — John Paul Powell, 71, of Churubusco died at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 20, 2004, in Syracuse.

Mr. Powell was a retired mechanic for Omnisource.

He enjoyed woodworking and pitching horseshoes.

Mr. Powell was born July 5, 1932, in Churubusco the son of John A. and Iva (McCullough) Powell. On June 7, 1952, he married Shirley Ann Miller. She died in 1993.

Surviving are a close friend, Mary Eyester of Hamilton; four daughters and sons-in-law, Patsy and Ronnie Spranger of North Webster, Nancy and Brian Burkey of Fort Wayne, and Linda and Mark Mallane and Mary and Jack Harvey, all of Syracuse; a son and daughter-in-law, John R. and Carla Powell of Reelsville, Ind.; five sisters, Audra Hatch and Janet Bianski, both of Churubusco, Nancy Derrow of Hamilton, Ellie Richeson of Garberville, Calif., and Rita Rowe of Avilla; his mother-in-law, Mary Mae Shultz of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Alice Kirkpatrick and Marjory White; and a grandson, John Paul Mallane on July 13, 2003.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Steven Kaehr officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-4 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the JP Memorial Scholarship in care of Key Bank.

Helen Rodeffer

AUBURN — Helen R. Rodeffer, 85, of Auburn died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Born in Gaston, Ind., Mrs. Rodeffer was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Rodeffer of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Helen Rodeffer of Lountville, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Jim" Rodeffer in 1979.

Graveside services will be Saturday, July 17, 2004 at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery, 1605 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Benjamen Hardesty

WOLCOTTVILLE — Benjamen Alexander Hardesty of Wolcottville was stillborn Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview North in Fort Wayne.

His parents are Wendell and Bridget (Gotshall) Hardesty of Wolcottville.

Also surviving are grandparents, Larry and Sara Gotshall of Wolcottville and Ovie and Barbara Sizemore of Rome City; and great grandparents, Walter and Leona Meyer of South Bend and Dorothy Gotshall of West Unity, Ohio.

Services were at 11 a.m. today at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Dr. Dan Baker will officiate.

Arrangements by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Stella Mazur

ROME CITY — Stella M. Mazur, 85, of Rome City and formerly of Whiting died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at Hickory Creek of Kendallville Nursing Home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Mazur was active in civic affairs in Whiting and a long standing member and officer of the Women of the Moose and the American Legion in Whiting. She was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientists.

She was born April 7, 1919, in St. Joseph, Ark., the daughter of John J. and Ova K. Miller.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Jim Jeffress of Lake Station; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Lisa Mazur of Rome City; five grandchildren, Dawn Klemoff of Valparaiso, Michelle Henson of Lake Station, Christian Mazur of Lafayette, Amanda Mazur of Atlanta, Ga., and Lauren Mazur of Cleveland, Ohio; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Matthew Mazur; a daughter, Lynda Mazur; and two sisters and a brother.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Rees Funeral Home, Olson Chapel, 5341 Central Ave., Portage, Ind., with reader George Litzkow officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in Portage.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Noble County, Hickory Creek of Kendallville Nursing Home, or the donor's choice.

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Robert Rex

GARRETT — Robert F. Rex, 77, of Garrett died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at 4:52 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Rex was a salesman for LaSalle Liquors in South Bend and Fort Wayne Liquors in Fort Wayne.

He was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Garrett American Legion. He had lived in Garrett for 48 years.

He was born Aug. 1, 1926, in Butler, to Fred and Elizabeth (Ridenour) Rex and they are deceased.

He married Kathryn Newbauer Schaab on Aug. 10, 1958, in Garrett and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Cynthia Mandick of Tucson, Ariz., and Lisa Davis of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and the Tom Wolpert family, whom he called his adopted family.

Two brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Garrett, with the Rev. Thom Lombardi and the Rev. Jim Shafer officiating.

Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be today from 6-8 p.m. at the Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and one hour prior to services at the church Wednesday.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Betty Cogan

AVILLA — Betty June Cogan, 78, of Avilla died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Cogan was a member of Rehobeth Church near Albion, Rehobeth Ladies Aid and served as a Jefferson Township election precinct volunteer.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, doing embroidery and caring for her great-grandson.

She was born June 6, 1926, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, the daughter of Cullen and Mary (Fulton) Prouty. On Oct. 30, 1942, she married Elton B. Cogan. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Bill Lovett of Kendallville and Tammie and Mark Hiatt of Henryetta, Okla.; three granddaughters, Tiffany Lovett of Mongo, Heather Keipper of Rome City, and Kallie McGuire of Henryetta; and a grandson, Leyton Keipper of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rex Prouty; and a sister, Donnabelle Forker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Monica Reed

WATERLOO — Monica J. Reed, 43 died Monday, June 21, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She had resided in DeKalb County for the past 10 years and was a member of the Corunna Community Church.

She was born April 30, 1961, in Fort Wayne to James and Wanda Lillich. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in St. Cloud, Fla.

Also surviving are her husband of 25 years, Jerry L. Reed; a son, Travis; a daughter, Stacey; two grandchildren, Sierra and Tyler; and three sisters, Margaret of Florida, Kathy of West Virginia and Elizabeth of Michigan.

Services will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating.

Burial will be in the Leo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or to the Feller Funeral Home to help defray funeral costs.

Floyd Creecy

AUBURN — Floyd Clifford Creecy, 69, of Auburn died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Naples Community Hospital in Naples, Fla.

He was a buyer for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1995. He was a member of the Auburn Moose and Auburn Elks, a member of the Fort Wayne Purchasing Association, a member and past chairman of the board of directors and an elder of the Christian Men's Fellowship of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Auburn.

He was born Aug. 29, 1934, in Estes Park, Colo., to Forrest and Helen (Hammonds) Creecy.

On May 25, 1979, in Wabash, he married Carol (Clark) Creecy. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Steve Creecy of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Tim Wappes of Edon, Ohio; one stepson and his wife, David and Tina Clark of Jacksonville, Fla; a stepdaughter and her husband, Donna and Tony Pulley of Wabash; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Dorma and Dick Grossnickle of Apache Junction, Ariz., Maxine and Vern Pratt of Wabash, and Carolyn and Loyd Baker of Ortonville, Minn; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Dr. Robert Craig officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to sympathy@fellerfuneralhome.net.

Richard Nier

ANGOLA — Richard D. Nier, 60, of Angola died Monday, June 21, 2004, at home.

Mr. Nier moved to Angola from South Bend in 1965. He was born July 22, 1943, in Utica, N.Y., to Robert L. and Delight E. (Rahn) Nier Sr. He was married Dec. 11, 1965, to Jan Cook, and she survives.

He was veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked as a welder for LaGrange Products in Fremont.

He was a member of Angola American Legion Post No. 31. He graduated from Clay High School in South Bend, and attended Tri-State University for three years.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Jeana Nier of Louisville, Ky. and Michael and Alexis Nier of Fond du Lac, Wis.; and a brother, Robert L. Nier Jr. of Clinton, Tenn.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with the Rev. Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and an hour before services on Thursday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. Military graveside services will be conducted by members of Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Humane Society or the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Dennis Bennett

HAMILTON — Dennis R. "Butch" Bennett, 66, of Hamilton died Monday, June 21, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Bennett was born Aug. 28, 1937, in Haviland, Ohio, to Doven Maxwell "Max" and Jenny Pauline (Cavinder) Bennett. He was married to Jo Ann Slusser on Nov. 17, 1962, and she survives.

He retired after 30 years of service as a machinist from Zollner Pistons in Fort Wayne. He attended Hamilton Wesleyan Church in Hamilton, and had served in the U.S. Army.

Also surviving are two daughters, Sherry Adkins of Broughton, Ohio and Bernadette Bennett of Grover Hill, Ohio; two sons and daughters-in-law, Mitch and Michele Bennett of Grover Hill and Mike and Tara Bennett of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Rose Bennett of Payne, Ohio; a stepbrother and stepsister-in-law, Devon Joe and Theresa Lehman of Haviland; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Garnet Roush of Wadsworth, Ohio, Delores Gosik of Clyde, Ohio and D'Nell and Paul Edwards of Haviland; a stepsister and stepbrother-in-law, Darlene and Fred Stroman of Fresno, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Indiana time on Friday at the Alspach-Gearhart Funeral Home in Van Wert, Ohio, with the Rev. Dave Leitzel officiating. Calling is 1 to 7 p.m. Indiana time on Thursday.

Burial will be in Middle Creek Cemetery, Grover Hill, with military graveside rites conducted by members of the Van Wert American Legion and VFW posts.

Memorials are to Cameron Home Health Care and Hospice.

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Charles Walter

KENDALLVILLE — Charles A. "Buzz" Walter, 72, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walter

Mr. Walter traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada for 35 years judging six different breeds of horses and was highly respected in horse associations.

For 36 years he delivered gas and oil for Sinclair and Marathon Oil in Noble County and the surrounding area before retiring in 1991.

He was a 42-year member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville. He was an active leader for many years in the Noble County 4-H program and involved in the East Noble Basketball Boosters in the 1970s.

Mr. Walter was born Oct. 23, 1931, in Kendallville the son of Charles Trevor and Norma Roxanne (Miller) Walter. He was a 1951 Kendallville High School graduate. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1955 during the Korean War.

In June 1957, he married Janice Irene Owen. She died May 12, 1979. He then married Patricia Mae (Schroeder) Godsell on July 3, 1980. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Carl Griffiths of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Chris Walter of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Dan and Sue Godsell of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jean Getts of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Joel Walter; a granddaughter, Emily Griffiths; and a stepgranddaughter, Angie Miller.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Charles A. Walter II in 1989; a stepdaughter, Cindy Davis in 2002; a stepgrandson, Donald Ray Davis in 1981; and a brother, Trevor "Bud" Walter.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in South Milford Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a rosary at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 86 or the American Cancer Society Noble County Chapter.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Cleo Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Cleo "Bud" Campbell, 91, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Lloyd Isenbarger

BUTLER — Lloyd Isenbarger, 91, of Butler died Monday, June 21, 2004, at Laurels of DeKalb nursing home.

A native of Hanover, Ohio, he was a farmer and a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau and the Newville United Methodist Church.

He was born Aug. 31, 1912, to Jesse D. and Emma Jane (Whitacre) Isenbarger.

Surviving are several neices and nephews.

Preceding him in death were a brother, Vernon Isenbarger; and sisters Velma Cook, Lillian Ross and Mary Schuchart.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler, with the Rev. Tony Brooks officiating. Burial will be at Riverview Cemetery at Newville.

Calling is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Newville United Methodist Church.

THE NEW ERA

June 23 2004 Albion, Indiana

Pauline Delanoy

ALBION – Pauline Delanoy, 81, of rural Albion died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne where she had been a resident three years.

She was the founding cafeteria director of the former Green Center Elementary School where she worked for eight years. She also did domestic work and baby-sitting.

Mrs. Delanoy was a member of Merriam Christian Chapel in Merriam.

She was born January 12, 1923, in York Township in Noble County to Ebony and Ada (Haney) Bair. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1941. On November 29, 1941, she married Robert O. Delanoy at the home of her parents. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Dale E. and Darlene Delanoy of Churubusco; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn Foote of Churubusco and Bonnie and Don Sheckler of Albion; a brother and sister-[illegible]law, Lynn E. and Anita Bair of Churubusco; two sisters, Nora Jane Bair of Churubusco and Mary Lois Edwards of Albion; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph L. Bair on January 17, 2003, and Paul Bair Sr. on November 26, 2003, and a son-in-law, Willard A. "Bill" Foote on July 3, 2001.

Services were held Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry Zolman officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may directed to Merriam Christian Chapel Video Fund.

Freeda Smolinske

ALBION – Freeda B. Smolinske, 91, died Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Parkview noble Hospital Critical Care Unit Kendallville, where she had been a patient since Tuesday, June 15, 2004.

A lifetime Noble County resident, she was born to Charles L. and Mabel (Tyler) Emahiser on May 22, 1913.

She was married to Harold V. Smolinske on January 8, 1933, in Albion. He died September 17, 1978.

Mrs. Smolinske had been an inspector at Monsanto in Ligonier for over 20 years, and an Avon representative. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Her hobbies included crocheting, IU basketball and fishing.

She is survived by seven grandchildren, Shelly (Ed) Waldron, Steve (Donna) Smolinske, Jim Smolinske, Darold (Candi) Smolinske, Travis Smolinske, Tiffany Smolinske, and Matt Smolinske; nine great-grandchild; and three great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by her parents; son, Jack Smolinske who died on November 5, 1999; grandchild, Candi; two sisters, Maggie Allen and Evelyn Pforter; and one brother, Floyd Emahiser.

Services were held Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery, rural Albion.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

Clyde James

WOLCOTTVILLE – Clyde A. James, 72, of Wolcottville, died Friday, June 18, 2004, at his residence on the James Century Farm.

Mr. James was a lifelong resident of LaGrange County and was employed for the past 20 years at the Turkey Lake Tavern in Stroh as the company's maintenance engineer. Prior to that, he worked at Truehaul Trailer in Fort Wayne and Kehr Iron Works in LaGrange and farmed the family homestead established in 1830.

He was active in the FFA and 4-H during his youth and a 1950 graduate of Kendallville High School. He enjoyed designing and racing go-carts, playing the guitar and traveling in the West. He was a direct descendant of Jesse James and former President Millard Fillmore.

He was born March 21, 1932, in Milford Township to John and Retha (Spearow) James.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Dale and Betty A. Hoppensteadt of Winfield, Ill.; five sons and four daughters-in-law, David J. and Penny James of Albion; Dennis R. and Marie James of Oxford, N.J.; Jeffery A. James of Wolcottville; W. Michael and Karen James of Norman; Dr. Mark and Emily James of Bedford, Penn.; 12 grandchildren; two great granddaughters; and his companion, Lois Davis of Stroh.

Services were held Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a graveside service immediately following at Woodruff Cemetery.

Memorials to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, LaGrange Branch.

Jerry Shull

HICKSVILLE, OH – Jerry Alan Shull, 56, of Hicksville, Ohio, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after an extended illness.

Mr. Shull was employed for 25 years at Fleetwood Travel Trailers in Edgerton, Ohio. He was an avid bowler and was a drag race car driver and owner for 34 years. He was the runner-up at the Indianapolis Raceway Park ET Bracket Finals in 1984.

Mr. Shull served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5087 in Antwerp, Ohio. He was a 1966 graduate of Antwerp High School.

He was born September 27, 1947, in Fort Wayne to Donald M. and Genevive (Happel) Shull.

He married Marolyn Knight in 1968, and she survives in Hicksville.

Also surviving are his parents, Don and Beverly Shull of Antwerp; three sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Charlene of Hicksville, Jason and Becky of Avilla and John and Amber of Hicksville; nine grandchildren, Chandra, Jeremiah, Shawn, Jeff, Paul, Robbie, Jared, Mackinzie and Olivia; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Dick of Antwerp, Jim of Bryan, Ohio, Mark and Maggie of Defiance, Ohio, and Greg and Alice of Cecil, Ohio; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Sandy Creasey of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cathy and Earl Hamil of Port Richey, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Genevive, and his grandparents.

Services were held Monday, June 21, 2004, at Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville.

Burial was in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville. Military honors were provided by the Antwerp VFW Post 5087.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the many expressions of kindness throughout our time of loss. Kenneth's untimely death has left a void as a faithful husband, father, grandfather and friend.

Your support, prayers, and callings have blessed our hearts and begun to heal our spirits.

May God richly bless you as you continue to remember us in your prayers.

The family of Kenneth A. Nichols

Betty Cogan

AVILLA – Betty June Cogan, 78, of Avilla died Sunday, June 20, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Cogan was a member of Rehobeth Church near Albion, Rehobeth Ladies Aid and served as a Jefferson Township election precinct volunteer.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, doing embroidery and caring for her great-grandson.

She was born June 6, 1926, in Jefferson Township, Noble County, the daughter of Cullen and Mary (Fulton) Prouty. On October 30, 1942, she married Elton B. Cogan. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Bill Lovett of Kendallville and Tammie and Mark Hiatt of Henryetta, Okla.; three granddaughters, Tiffany Lovett of Mongo, Heather Keipper of Rome City, and Kallie McGuire of Henryetta; and a grandson, Leyton Keipper of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Rex Prouty; and a sister, Donnabelle Forker.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Karen Dreibelbis

ALBION — Karen A. Dreibelbis, 58, of Albion died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Dreibelbis was a homemaker and lifetime Noble County resident.

She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville, the Albion Lions Club, the Euchre Club and the Thursday Night Women's Bowling League at the Albion Bowl.

Mrs. Dreibelbis loved gardening, bowling, babysitting and flowers.

She was born Dec. 11, 1945, in Kendallville the daughter of Phil and Mary Lou (DuBois) Norris. Her father survives in Albion and her mother is deceased. On Aug. 29, 1964, in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion she married Duane A. Dreibelbis. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karman D. and Kenny Cornwell of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin D. and Laura Dreibelbis of Albion; a sister, Deb Weidenhamer of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Marc and Jan Norris of Albion and Scott and Janet Norris of Syracuse; and three grandchildren, Kaleigh and Kendra Cornwell and Aidan Dreibelbis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Association or Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Patricia Volkert

FORT WAYNE — Patricia Jane Volkert, 61, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at her home.

A native of Hamilton, she worked for Alliance Property Mangement and General Electric for 17 years.

She was a member of the Elex Club and Local 901 IUE. She had 18 years of sobriety and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, crocheting, bowling and crossword puzzles.

Surviving are her companion, Edward Dejarnet; two sons, Kenneth Paul Johnston of Carlisle and Michael Dean Johnston of Fort Wayne; three daughters and a son-in-law, Cheryl Lynn Elkins and Dannie Woods of Cromwell, Micki Francine Tracey of Cromwell and Kimberly Rene Johnston of Syracuse; seven sisters, Florence Bivens of Sarasota, Fla., Laura Pavao of Pensacola, Fla., Luella Sue Miller of Ashley, Lois Westfall of Pleasant Lake, Mary Ellen DeGraw of Waterloo, Ruth Alison of McNeil, Miss., and Sarah Hawk of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Dwight Hall of Auburn, John Lautzenhiser, David Lautzenhiser of Glen Falls, Va., Sam Lautzenhiser of Avilla, and Tom Lautzenhiser of Huntington; nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a brother, Arthur Lautzenhiser.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with Chaplain Dick Niles officiating.

Calling is from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Martha Hull

COLUMBUS — Martha Jane Hull, 70, of Columbus died Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital of Bloomington.

Mrs. Hull was born in Columbus to Wayne and Margaret (Patton) Reeves. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are her mother, Margaret Patton of Columbus; a son, David Hull of Columbus; a daughter, Susan Jones of Columbus; a brother, M. Dean Patton of Idaho; two sisters, Sharon Collins of Columbus and Shirley Faye McNeish of Fremont; two half-brothers, the Rev. Robert Reeves and Richard Reeves, both of Columbus; a half-sister, Wanda Boblet of Kentucky; and six grandchildren, all of Columbus.

She was preceded in death by her father; a daughter, Teresa L. Baker; a half-sister, Bernice Reeves; and three half-brothers, Kenneth, Earl and Donald Reeves.

Services were Friday at Vernon Jewell-Nick Rittman Funeral Home, Columbus, with the Rev. Robert Reeves officiating.

Burial will be in Garland Brook Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

William Howarth

CLEAR LAKE — Funeral services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, for William E. "Bill" Howarth.

Mr. Howarth died Wednesday, June 23, 2004.

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Walter Fee

FALL CREEK, Wis. — Walter R. Fee, 101, of Fall Creek, Wis., died Wednesday, April 23, 2004, at his daughter's home in Fall Creek.

In 1967, Mr. Fee retired from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., after 32 years of service. He joined the history faculty at MSU in 1935. During his tenure he taught Far Eastern history, directed the Asian Institute, served as acting dean of the Basic College and from 1945 to 1967 was the chair of the history and social studies departments. Prior to 1935, he had taught in Indiana, Greenville, Pa., and New York City.

He was very involved with international students, and several Japanese students lived with the Fees while attending college. He was active in the community and his church, where he served as an elder. He often gave talks to civic groups on foreign affairs and the need for tolerance and understanding.

Mr. Fee traveled frequently to Asia and after retirement, he taught for three years at Silliman University in the Philippines, where he was given an honorary doctorate degree in Asian Studies. In 1975, Mr. Fee moved to Traverse City, Mich., and had spent his summers at his home south of Leland, Mich.

He enjoyed music, conversation with his friends and family and growing roses on the Lake Michigan sand dunes. He shared his wonderful sense of humor and his interest in travel and reading with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He attended Indiana University, the University of Pittsburgh and received a Ph.D. at Columbia University. He graduated from Metz High School in 1920.

He was born Oct. 29, 1902, in DeKalb County to Shirley and Alma Irene Fee and spent his early life on the family farm.

On Dec. 28, 1928, he married his high school sweetheart, Violet Enterline. They were married for 67 years. She preceded him in death in 1996.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Robert Elliott of Fall Creek, Wis.; two grandchildren and their spouses, Robert and Colleen Elliott of Sturgeon Bay, Wis., and Gwen and Ron Shavalier of Jenison, Mich.; and three great-grandchildren, Megan and Tess Shavalier and Erik Fee Elliott.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hamilton Cemetery with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating.

There will be no calling.

Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton, is handling arrangements.

Carol Trussel

FORT WAYNE — Carol A. (Shilling) Trussell, 57, died at 4:01 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, 2004 in her Fort Wayne home.

She was a social worker, and worked for Your Friends and Neighbors. She had lived in Fort Wayne for 14 years.

Born May 6, 1947, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Roy E. and Betty C. (Treesh) Shilling. Her father survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are her life partner, Chuck Ambler of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Richard Shilling of Garrett and Allen Shilling and Jeffrey Shilling, both of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Nancy Hensinger of Cree Lake, Laura Klotz of Churubusco, and Arlene Carper of Fort Wayne.

Her mother and a son, Christopher Shilling, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be Friday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery, north of Garrett, with Richard Shilling officiating.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Turnstone Center for Disabled Children & Adults.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Bud Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Former longtime Kendallville businessman Cleo A. "Bud" Campbell, 91, died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Campbell

Mr. Campbell was the sole proprietor of the Kendallville Bowling Center from 1953 to 1980. Prior to moving to Kendallville in 1953, he had operated the Auburn Recreation and Bowling Center.

He was a lifetime member of more than 60 years of the Kendallville Moose Lodge No. 1301, a life member of Elks Lodge No. 1194, and member of the Sons of the Legion at American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville.

Mr. Campbell had served 19 years as past president of the Kendallville Bowling Association. He served on the Auburn Volunteer Fire Department for 11 years in the 1940s and 1950s.

He was a 1930 graduate of LaOtto High School and at one time attended Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

He was born July 1, 1912, in LaOtto the son of George S. and Pearl (Brown) Campbell. On June 18, 1933, in Avilla he married Maxine Shutt. She died June 23, 1980. His companion of more than 20 years, Maxine Brunkhart, died in October 2001.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Sam and Carol Campbell of Kendallville, Robert and Betty Campbell of Rome City and Jerry and Kristy Campbell of Kendallville; 17 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and his companion and caregiver, Mary Kay Miller of Kendallville.

Also preceding him in death were a daughter, Nancy Campbell in June 1948; four sisters, Violet Ferrier, Marie Kent, Goldie Young and Hazel Balliet; a half brother, George August Campbell; and two half sisters, Isabell Hollis and Nora Campbell.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home. Burial will be in Cedar Chapel Cemetery south of Garrett.

Calling will be from 1-8 p.m. Friday and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Kendallville Elks Lodge and Auburn Moose Lodge services will be conducted at 8 p.m. Friday. The Sons of the American Legion Post 86 will do a walk-through at the funeral home at 7 p.m.

Memorials are the Kendallville Youth Bowling Association.

Condolence may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Millican

BLOOMINGTON — Robert James Millican, 61, of Bloomington died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, while playing tennis at the Bloomington YMCA.

Mr. Millican was born June 5, 1943, to Robert and Lucile Millican. His wife, Kathie, an Angola native, survives.

He was the principal broker at Millican Realty in Bloomington, and graduated from Butler University in 1965. He grew up in Hanover, and lived in that area with his wife and children before moving to Bloomington in the early 1980s.

He enjoyed outdoor hobbies such as fishing, hunting, hiking and mushroom hunting. He played basketball at the "Y" almost every day.

Also surviving are a son, Jason; a daughter, Anna; a grandson, Nathan; his mother, Lucile; a sister, Betty; three nieces and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Allen Funeral Home, Bloomington, with Dave Horn officiating.

Memorials are to the Bloomington YMCA.

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Paul Gerig

FORT WAYNE — Paul A. Gerig, 84, died Tuesday morning, June 22, 2004, at his home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gerig

Mr. Gerig worked at Fruehauf Manufacturing in Fort Wayne for 36 years, retiring in 1981. He was a veteran of the Army Air Force, serving during World War II. He was a member of Harvester Missionary Church in Fort Wayne.

He loved to travel and do woodworking. He also was an amateur historian, writing about himself and his family during the Depression, and had a lot of memoirs.

He was born June 28, 1919, in DeKalb County, the son of Menno and Zula (Sponhower) Gerig.

On June 29, 1946, he married Mary Wilson in Leyland, England. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janet and Jim Byers of Fort Wayne; a grandson and his wife, Jonathan and Diane Byers of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter and her husband, Jeannie Baker and Major Steven Baker of Ramstein, Germany; two brothers, the Rev. Dale Gerig of Sturgis, Mich., and Dr. Zenas Gerig of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and two sisters, Lois Hetmansperger of Auburn and Ruth Imler of Citrus Heights, Calif.

He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home. 8408 Covington Road. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be tonight from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday from from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Harvester Missionary Church or Youth for Christ in Sturgis, Mich.

Neal Miller

LIGONIER — Neal A. "Nealy" Miller, 79, of Ligonier died at 5:45 a.m. Monday, June 21, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health for several years.

Mr. Miller was a farmer and had worked at Gerring Industries in Shipshewana.

He was a member of Woodlawn Amish Mennonite Church and had volunteered for Christian Aid Ministries.

Mr. Miller was born Jan. 10, 1925, in Kokomo the son of Andrew and Elizabeth (Troyer) Miller. On Dec. 4, 1947, in Nappanee he married Emma Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and three sons-in-law, Arlene and Marvin Hochstetler of Topeka, Ann Miller of Ligonier, Esther and Loren Graber of Nappanee and Carolyn and Leon Kaufman of Etna Green; two sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Cindy Miller of Carmel and Glen and Bonnie Miller of Ligonier; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Milo Hochstedler of Kokomo; a brother, Owen Miller of Nappanee; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stillborn son; two brothers, Eli Miller and Levi Miller; and a sister, Christine Miller.

Services were held this morning at Woodlawn Amish Mennonite Church with Bishop Elmer Miller and Mr. Miller's son-in-law, Bishop Loren Graber, officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery in Goshen.

Memorials are to Goshen General Hospice or Family Nursing Services of Warsaw.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

D. Lyle Adams

CHURUBUSCO — D. Lyle Adams, 66, of Churubusco died at 6:25 p.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at The Oaks Nursing Center in Columbia City.

Mr. Adams was a retired dairy farmer and school bus driver for Northwest Allen County Schools.

He was born Sept. 12, 1937, in Fort Wayne to Maurice James and Blanche May (Remely) Adams. On March 24, 1962, in Ari, he married Dorothy Arlene McCoy. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Sherri Adams, Rod and Pam Adams and Scott and Sheila Adams, all of Churubusco; a sister, Annalee Fulk of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Kyle Knott, Tasha Knott, Kristi Adams and Hannah Adams; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Eugene Adams and Dale Adams; and a granddaughter, Abigail S. Adams.

Services were Friday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubuso with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Burial was in Perry Township Cemetery.

Memorials are to Ari Church of God, Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church or The Chapel.

Freeda Smolinske

KENDALLVILLE — Freeda B. Smolinske, 91, of Kendallville died at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville where she had been a patient since Tuesday.

Mrs. Smolinske had been an inspector at Monsanto in Ligonier 20 years and an Avon representative.

She was a lifetime Noble County resident and had lived in Albion most of her life. She had resided in Kendallville the past six years.

Mrs. Smolinske was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion. She enjoyed crocheting, fishing and following IU basketball.

She was born May 22, 1913, in Noble County the daughter of Charles L. and Mabel (Tyler) Emahiser. On Jan. 8, 1933, in Albion she married Harold V. Smolinske. He died Sept. 17, 1978.

Surviving are seven grandchildren and their spouses, Shelly and Ed Waldron, Steve and Donna Smolinske, Jim Smolinske, Darold and Candi Smolinske, Travis Smolinske, Tiffany Smolinske and Matt Smolinske; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jack Smolinske on Nov. 5, 1999; a granddaughter, Candi; two sisters, Maggie Allen and Evelyn Pforter; and a brother, Floyd Emahiser.

Services were Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion.

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William Howarth

CLEAR LAKE — William E. "Bill" Howarth, 52, of Clear Lake died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Howarth was born May 21, 1952, in Providence, R.I., to George E. and Joan (Tourtellot) Howarth. He married Delores "Dee" Amstutz on July 10, 1976, in Butler. She survives.

He was a physical education teacher at Fremont Elementary School. He created "Bells and Slates," a history of the one-room schools in Steuben County, in coordination with the Steuben County Preservation Council.

He had served as an adjunct professor at Tri-State University for four years. He was also the first coach of the Fremont Invaders, a semi-professional football team. He had coached football, track and junior high golf.

He started his teaching career at Eastside Junior-Senior High School. He was active in Steuben County Community Theater, serving on the board of directors.

He graduated from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. He received his master's degree from Ball State University in 1980.

Also surviving are a son, Tyler Howarth of Clear Lake; a daughter, Jaclyn Howarth of Clear Lake; and two brothers, Richard Howarth and Michael Howarth, both of North Scituate, R.I.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Peter Howarth.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at the Fremont United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Greg Rittenhouse and the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be in Ray Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Community Foundation.

George Snellenberger

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. — Former Nevada Mills resident George A. Snellenberger, 48, of Boynton Beach, Fla., died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Bethesda Memorial Hospital in Boynton Beach.

Mr. Snellenberger was born June 20, 1956, to George Snellenberger and Gloria Elaine Stewart. He married Tania Mara DeSouza Araujo on June 13, 1988, in Delray Beach, Fla. She survives.

He was a horticultural specialist. He received national recognition for his outstanding contribution in the development of variations in exotic orchids.

He was a chef at a restaurant in the Palm Beach, Fla., area. He was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School and attended Tri-State University and Indiana University.

Also surviving are three sons, Tristen Allen and Thane Snellenberger, both of Boynton Beach, and Troy Allen Snellenberger of North Manchester; two granddaughters, Olivia and Kaitlyn Snellenberger; his father and stepmother, George and Kitty Snellenberger of Coldwater, Mich.; maternal grandmother, Winifred Stewart Bassett of Angola; a brother, Scott Snellenberger of Angola; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Duane Stidham and the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Lake Gage Cemetery, Angola.

Evelyn Burden

FORT WAYNE — Evelyn W. Burden, 85, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Burden was a Fort Wayne native and a homemaker.

She was a member of Bethany Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include three daughters, Sharon Walchle of Fort Wayne, Janice Pulver of Leo, and Joan Teeple of Colorado Springs, Colo.; a son, Dennis Burden of Avilla; a brother, William Speck of Rome City; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Burden in 1982; a granddaughter, Denise Pulver-Lust; a sister, Mildred Waterman; and a brother, Joseph Speck.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or the Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Dwight Booher

MONTPELIER — Dwight L. Booher, 78, of Montpelier and Waldron Lake died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Booher was a retired Wells County farmer. He and his wife had also lived at Waldron Lake in Noble County the past 16 years where he sold used automobiles.

He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Jackson Township, Wells County. He loved fishing, goose hunting and moose hunting.

Mr. Booher was an avid Indiana Pacers and Indiana University fan.

He was born Nov. 23, 1925, in Wells County the son of Carl and Electra Rose (Ballinger) Booher. He graduated from Jackson Center High School in 1943. On Dec. 27, 1974, in Wells County he married June Brown. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda Howard of Cleves, Ohio, and Sheila and Mike Moseley of Flower Mound, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Dixie Booher of Piketon, Ohio; three stepsons and their wives, Gary and Kay Stoffer of Van Buren, Larrie and Rhonda Stoffer of Warren, and Steven and Angela Stoffer of Hartford City; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Cathy and John Shaffer of Marion and Lorrie and Dick Arnold of Bluffton; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Bonnie and Bill Avery of Plainfield and LaVonne Brown of Montpelier; at stepbrother and his wife, Harold and Phyllis Stinson of Florida; three stepsisters, Hildred Foust of Montpelier, Virginia Leas of Hartford City and Doris Cline of Warren; 20 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Ralph Booher; two stepbrothers, Forrest Stinson and Roger Stinson; and a stepsister, Esther Mann.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Asbury United Methodist Church, 1100 S. — S.R. 3, Montpelier with the Rev. Eric Dubach and Pastor Steve Gray officiating. Burial will be in Asbury Cemetery in Wells County.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the church and from 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Asbury United Methodist Church.

Glancy Funeral Home in Montpelier is in charge of arrangements.

Dolores Kline

WAWAKA — Dolores J. Kline, 67, of Wawaka died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Dorothy Tatman

AVILLA — Dorothy G. Tatman, 88, of Avilla died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Gerald Jacob

HOWE — Gerald R. "Jerry" Jacob, 88, of Howe and formerly of Wolcottville died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Jacob owned the Combined Agency of LaGrange insurance and real estate firm from 1956 to 1980. He had moved from Angola to Wolcottville in 1956 and from Wolcottville to Howe in January.

He was a member of the Wolcottville Lions Club.

Mr. Jacob was born April 2, 1916, in Clayton, Mich., the son of Lloyd W. and Olive (Perkins) Jacob. On Nov. 28, 1946, in Angola he married Hilda M. Luce. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, JoAnn and Daniel Engber of Shipshewana and Jayne and W. Dennis Dervay of Mentor, Ohio; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ruth and Harwood Darron of Jackson, Mich., and Dorothy Tubergen of Angola; two brothers, Gordon L. Jacob of Bradenton, Fla., and G. Wendell Jacob of Angola; three grandchildren, Jill and Tim Hostetler of Shipshewana, Julie Sherman of LaGrange and Apryl Dervay of Mentor; and two great-grandchildren, Halle Hostetler and Hope Hostetler, both of Shipshewana.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Monday at Wolcottville United Methodist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Wolcottville United Methodist Church.

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Richard Traxler

AVILLA — Richard E. "Pappy" Traxler, 75, of Avilla died at 8:16 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. He had been in declining health for the past eight months.

Mr. Traxler had been a truck driver for more than 46 years. He had served as a reserve Noble County sheriff's deputy at the Avilla Race Track.

A lifetime Noble County resident, he was a U.S. Army veteran during the Korean conflict. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Avilla American Legion Post 240 and the Garrett chapter of the Knights of Columbus.

Mr. Traxler enjoyed fishing and tilling and rolling lawns for Avilla residents. He had coached in the Community Baseball League when his son was young.

He was born Aug. 13, 1928, at the home of his parents, Howard and Frances (Lemper) Traxler, in Kendallville. On Sept. 27, 1958, in Ege he married Jean Schenher. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Gary Traxler of Avilla; a daughter, Michele Traxler of Avilla; four brothers, Vincent Traxler of Goshen, Omer Traxler of Rome City, Jack H. Traxler of Avilla, and Harry Traxler of Huntertown; four sisters, Eulalia Ellert of Waterloo, Thelma Buchs of Hamilton, Lois Remke of Avilla, and Lorraine Weaver of Avilla; and five grandchildren, Brooke, Wyatt, Aaron, Alec and Alana Traxler.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Traxler, on April 11, 1963.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Church in Ege with military graveside services by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with a rosary recited at 7:30 p.m. Calling also one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

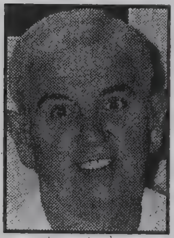
Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice and to Masses.

James E. Lothamer

FREMONT — James Erwin Lothamer, 57, of Fremont, died Friday, June 25, 2004, in Fremont.

He was born to Joseph and Ona (Boone) Lothamer-Shoemaker on Nov. 25, 1946. He married Shirley P. (Ansley) Landis on July 24, 1993, in Angola. She survives.

Mr. Lothamer spent most of his adult life as a factory worker, and worked at General Products for the last 11 years. He also worked at Acorn Components in Quincy and Coldwater, Mich., for 28 years.



Mr. Lothamer

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Jammie and Eric North, Ionia, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Lanean and Marvin Dyer, Coldwater, and Rhea Lynn and Joseph Papenbrock, Fremont; four stepsons and their spouses, Richard Lutz of Coldwater and Nathan Landis and Kevin and Kim Landis, all of Fremont, and Steve and Sarah Landis of Orland; five sisters, MaryAnn Flynn of Burlington, Mich., Betty Lou Bean of Quincy, Shirley Licht and Linda Clark, both of Coldwater, and Teresa Benjamin of Allen, Mich.; three brothers, Floyd Lothamer of Quincy, Donald Lothamer of Hillsdale, Mich., and David Lothamer of Justin, Texas; 25 stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-granchildren.

In addition to his first wife of 20 years, Karen Burkett, and his parents, four brothers, Charles, Robert, Edward and Alfred Lothamer, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. Gregory Chupp and Kevin Landis officiating. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Larry E. Wallace

ELKHART — Larry Eugene Wallace Sr., 64, of Elkhart, died at 6:58 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Hospice House, Roseland.

He was born to Basil and Mary (Boyd) Wallace in LaGrange County on July 28, 1908.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry and Lana Wallace Jr. of Westfield and Basil Wallace of Howe; a daughter and son-in-law, Yulonda and Louis Zaragoza of Elkhart; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jerry and Linda Wallace of Goshen and Don and Karen Wallace and James Wallace, all of Howe; a sister, Rosemary Bates of Little Rock, Ark.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Ontario Cemetery.

Calling is today from 5 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Polly A. Miller

LAGRANGE — Polly A. Miller, 96, of LaGrange, died Friday, June 25, 2004, at her residence.

She was born to Abraham and Lydia (Miller) Yoder on Feb. 16, 1908, in LaGrange County. She married Clarence A. Miller on Feb. 27, 1930, in LaGrange. He preceded her in death on Jan. 10, 1991.

She was a homemaker, a lifetime LaGrange County resident and a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mattie and Amos Bontrager, LaGrange, and Ada and Clarence Hochstetler, Holland, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Elmer and Katie Miller, LaGrange, and Menno and Edna Miller, Hale, Mich.; 53 grandchildren; 298 great-grandchildren; 47 great-great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; 66 stepgreat-grandchildren; and 32 stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, a grandchild, four great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Amos Bontrager residence, 1915 W. C.R. 100S, LaGrange, with Bishop John Beechy and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling is after 4 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Bontrager residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

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Gilbert A. Eaton

STURGIS, MICH. — Gilbert A. Eaton, 95, of Sturgis, Mich., died Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Matthew 7:7, White Pigeon, Mich.

He was born to Edward and Charlotte (White) Eaton in LaGrange County on July 28, 1908. In 1930, he married Mabel Wells who died in 1975. On Dec. 5, 1979, he married Margaret Wilson Grabe at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sturgis, where he was a member. She survives.

Mr. Eaton had been a Sturgis resident since 1979, having moved from Orland.

He was a farmer and retired from Harter Corp. on July 1, 1973. He enjoyed fishing, traveling, desserts, sweets and his lake cottage.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Linda Eaton of Orland; a grandson, Michael Eaton of Fort Wayne; a granddaughter, Judy Cartwright of Pompano Beach, Fla.; two great-granddaughters, Elena Elswick of Florida and Samantha Eaton of Decatur; two great-great-granddaughters, Emily Crawford and Avery Elswick, both of Florida; several nieces and nephews; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Diane and George Morse of Sturgis; a stepson and his spouse, Gregory and Trudy Grabe of Sturgis; two step-grandchildren and their spouse and friend, Kevin and Michelle Morse of Lake Orion, Mich., and Kristi Morse; and friend Dave Smith of Battle Creek, Mich.

In addition to his first wife, his parents, five sisters, one brother and a grandson, Michael A. Eaton, preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday (Michigan time) at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sturgis, with Pastor Paul Stern officiating. Burial will be at 1:30 p.m. in Greenlawn Cemetery, Orland.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. Monday at Rosenberg-Schipper Funeral Home Ltd., Sturgis.

Memorials are to St. John's Lutheran Church.

Services Held

Services for **Charles "Buzz" Walter** of Kendallville were held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 25, 2004, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery.

Pallbearers were James Stewart, Jeff Cauhorn, Tom Patrick, Rob Owen, Dick Smith and Ralph Bender.

Honorary pallbearers were Salty Casselman and Bob Schmidt.

Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy G. Tatman

AVILLA — Dorothy Gertrude Tatman, 88, of Avilla, died at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 24, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

On Jan. 15, 1916, in Huntertown, she was born to Charles A. and Carrie L. (Foss) Rondot. On Nov. 17, 1934, in Fort Wayne, she married Clarence W. Tatman. He preceded her in death on Sept. 17, 1980.

She was a homemaker. She lived at Provena Sacred Heart Home for seven years, having spent most of her life in Rome City.

Mrs. Tatman

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Delores and Robert Richards, Churubusco; five sons and four daughters-in-law, James C. and Judy Tatman of San Jacinto, Calif., Daniel and Barb Tatman of Rome City, Steven A. and Dinah Tatman of Harlan, Joseph E. and Kim Tatman of Marietta, Ga., and William C. Tatman; a brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Frances Rondot, Cranston, R.I.; a sister, Charleen Bauman of Fort Wayne; 20 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and 9 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, two sisters, Julie Widner and Ruth Wilke, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Monday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday with a Rosary service at 6:30 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

Lucille Kline

FORT WAYNE — Lucille C. Kline, 99, of Fort Wayne, died Thursday, June 24, 2004.

Mrs. Kline was a homemaker and had a lake cottage at Hamilton Lake for 35 years.

She was a graduate of Central High School and International Business College and was a member of Grace-St. John United Church of Christ.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a lifelong Fort Wayne resident and a resident at Arbor Glen for the past six years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Charles Howard of Hamilton; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Ned Kline and Daunita Kline of Oshkosh, Wis.; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn W., in 1978.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday and 9 to 10 a.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a church of the donor's choice.

Warren Sprankle

ASHLEY — Warren W. Sprankle, 60, of Ashley, died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sprankle was self-employed carpenter and owned and operated Sprankle Construction.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in rural Corunna and Les Partisans Du Quiatenon, a French and Indian War re-enacting group.

He was born April 6, 1944, in Salem Center. His father, Wayne W. Sprankle, preceded him in death. His mother, Viola (Allen) Sprankle Schiffli, survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are a son, Sam Sprankle of Terre Haute; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Allen Jones of Louisville, Ky., and Rebecca Sprankle of Indianapolis; a brother, Robert Sprankle of San Diego, Calif.; and a sister, Elaine Wilson of Indianapolis.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Al Wingfield officiating. Burial will be in Wright Cemetery at Stroh.

Calling will be Monday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Boy Scout Troop 169 of Auburn.

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Head-on crash kills 1 near Corunna

Police believe other driver, 16, had been drinking

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CORUNNA — One driver is dead, another seriously injured after a two-car crash Saturday night southeast of Corunna.

Police believe alcohol could have been a factor when a car driven by Jarrod Balzer, 16, of Avilla, crashed head-on into an unidentified female driver's car on C.R. 28 near C.R. 17 just before 9 p.m.

The female driver, who police believe to be a 17-year-old Auburn girl, was killed in her car, a 2000 Dodge Stratus, which caught on fire after the impact.

A Samaritan helicopter was called to retrieve and treat Balzer, but once on the scene, at about 9:20 p.m., the helicopter's engine died. Balzer was still being treated for unspecified injuries in the helicopter at 11:45 p.m., DeKalb County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jay Oberholtzer said.

A cooler of beer pinched between the dashboard and passenger seat of Balzer's 1994 Pontiac Grand Am and emergency workers' reports about Balzer smelling of alcohol have led police to believe Balzer had been drinking, Oberholtzer said.

The results of further investigation will be forwarded to the DeKalb County prosecutor for possible charges against Balzer, Oberholtzer said.

A preliminary accident reconstruction puts Balzer driving east on C.R. 28 and the female driving west. They collided head-on at a high rate of speed in the middle of the road in front of a residence in the 1700 block of C.R. 28.

CRASH: *Police suspect victim is a girl from Auburn*

People in the home called 911 to report a crash with a car on fire at 8:45 p.m. The female's car was almost completely burned, leaving some details to help police identify the woman.

Oberholtzer said his department's chaplain and a deputy were contacting the family of the suspected victim and expected their identification to be that of an Auburn girl, who was on the way to visit her boyfriend, who lives a short distance from the crash scene.

In near-hysterics, the boyfriend and some of his family members were at the crash scene, waiting for verification of the victim's identity.

Oberholtzer said officers will continue an investigation during daylight today.

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Quick Vegas marriage led to life of happiness, love

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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HAMILTON — Robert and Nina O'Keefe ran off to Las Vegas and got married on Nov. 2, 1980 — when he was 18 and she was 19 — after dating for two whole weeks.

They were happily married and in love for nearly 24 years, building a home and family together. And it's that family that has helped Robert keep going as he deals with the loss of Nina, who died June 17, 2004, after dealing with heart disease for 13 years.

The O'Keefes met in California and lived there for the first several years after they were married. They moved to Hamilton 16 years ago to be closer to Robert's mother, who lived in Metz.

"She said she'd try Indiana; that she'd give it a fair shot," Robert remembered. "Then we ended up here forever. She loved her home here, loved everything about Hamilton. She didn't even care to go back to California to visit."

Robert said although he had known his wife for many years and was well aware of her many fine attributes, hearing other people talk about them has been comforting to him.

"She was an outgoing, very friendly person," he said with obvious love and pride. "People just kept coming up to me at the funeral home, telling me how they remembered that she would just stop them in town, in the middle of whatever she was doing, and ask how they were."

Nina and Robert met through Nina's brother, who worked with Robert. They clicked right away, and after their quick marriage — Robert said Nina was the one to propose — they were never apart.

Nina was a homemaker, and was able to stay at home with her children while they were growing up.

"She always, always put our kids first," Robert said.

Nina's mother, Janet Gammel of Angola, said her daughter was a wonderful mother.

"She was a good mom," she said, her voice breaking. "She was very, very close to her kids."

The O'Keefe children are all grown now — the youngest is 16, and one of them, Mellisa, is a mother herself to the O'Keefe's only grandchild, Kaylah, 3.

"She loved Kaylah so much," said son Christopher.

Robert said since their children were older, he and Nina found some time "to start enjoying each other. They took trips to Las Vegas and Alaska, which he said Nina loved.

Nina's first heart attack happened in 1991. She had bypass surgery, and that allowed her several more years of time with her family.

"We were blessed with an extra 12 years of memories," Robert said.

She had a second bypass just a few weeks ago. She didn't bounce back, and was only home from the hospital for a day before she was readmitted and underwent three angioplasty procedures, which turned out to be unsuccessful. She passed away in the hospital.

"She was coherent during those last days," Robert said. "She was in St. Joe (Hospital, in Fort Wayne), and it was nice because they let me stay with her and spend the night with her. We talked a lot about old times ... about what we'd done and about what w wanted for the future."

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

One of the truest loves of Nina O'Keefe's life was her granddaughter, Kaylah, who was almost 2 when this photo was taken in February of 2003.

The O'Keefe home in rural Hamilton is a warm, cozy place filled with years worth of family photos.

The four children Nina and Robert O'Keefe brought into the world — Christopher, Kevin, Jennifer and Mellisa — are depicted in various stages of their lives on the walls and shelves, interspersed with pictures of Nina and Robert posing for anniversary portraits and on vacations.

"We had a great life together," Robert said, smiling. "We were blessed. We loved each other. We had four beautiful children."

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Resourceful farmer grew from historic roots

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Clyde James, center, at age 16, shows two students in his 4-H tractor maintenance class how to adjust valve tappets on a tractor engine.

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BY BILL GISEL
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WOLCOTTVILLE — To Betty Hoppensteadt, her father, Clyde James, was a Renaissance man.

The proof of that may well be seen in his children: Betty is a school teacher; her brothers and their professions include Jeffrey James, a LaGrange attorney; David James of Albion, a builder and contractor; Dennis James of New Jersey, a corporate jet pilot; Dr. Mark James, a veterinarian in Pennsylvania; and Michael James, a former forestry manager turned engineer.

All have LaGrange County roots — roots that run deep in a homestead that dates to 1845, and in a family tree that includes both a bandit (Jesse James) and a U.S. president (Millard Fillmore).

Clyde James, 73, died Friday, June 18, 2004, on that early Hoosier homestead.

"I never gave it much thought, but my husband, Dale, pointed out that the accomplishments of the children are really phenomenal for growing up poor on a farm in LaGrange County," Hoppensteadt said from her home in Chicago.

"Dad instilled perfection, that is for sure," she said. "He wanted to go to Purdue, but instead he got married and started having kids."

Three sons did graduate from Purdue, however.

According to son Jeffrey, who now lives on the family farm, Mr. James' talents in agriculture and things mechanical started in high school, with FFA and 4-H. He was the first LaGrange County recipient of a national 4-H award for farm tractor maintenance.

Mr. James began married life on the family farm. He had the idea of raising Angus cattle, but his parents, "who experienced the Depression first-hand, did not like taking the chance of borrowing against the farm to get the project started," Jeffrey James said.

"He was able, however, to buy a new International Harvester Model 400 tractor from McClure Implement at Kendallville. He once said he would never forget the excitement of driving his new tractor home, a distance of 16 miles," his son said.

Jeffrey James said his dad's "boyhood ingenuity" was evident as he devised a way to save time planting corn by connecting a pair of two-row John Deere corn planters together.

Among Mr. James' many interests, according to Hoppensteadt and her mother, Sara Mieras of Kendallville, was training animals. Hoppensteadt recalled from her childhood a goose that was trained to flap its wings on command. Mrs. Mieras said her former husband had a pigeon that would fly from a roost in the barn whenever Mr. James would whistle.

"Dad trained cows to give kisses, and his dogs would do some really odd tricks," Hoppensteadt recalled.

Around 1960, Mr. James began work at Kehr Iron Works in LaGrange, learning the art of mechanical drafting and designing and building ornamental steel railings and stairs. He designed wrought iron doors that can be found at Central Michigan University. Later, he was a supervisor at Fruehauf Corp. in Fort Wayne.

Jeffrey James said his father also loved collecting guns and traveling in the West, especially Wyoming and Colorado. He was a member of the National Rifle Association.

Knowledge of the lineage to Jesse James comes from a family tree hanging on the wall of a Missouri tavern, Hoppensteadt said. More important is the link to President Millard Fillmore.

Mr. James' grandmother was a Fillmore, with family in Jackson, Mich. Her brother had a farm near Howe, Hoppensteadt said. Both she and her mother have jewelry that belonged to Millard Fillmore's wife, and Jeffrey has a horse-hair chair in his law office in LaGrange that once graced the Oval Office.

Mrs. Mieras said Mr. James possessed a strong work ethic, which was passed on to his children.

"With 72 dairy cows, they were all expected to work," she recalled.

Johnny Torres, whose family owns the Turkey Lake Restaurant and Tavern in Stroh, said Mr. James worked as maintenance engineer there for 17 years, taking care of everything from the lawn mowers to the refrigeration systems on the coolers.

"He was always at work early, well before he was supposed to begin," Torres said, "and he hardly ever missed work, only when he absolutely had to."

Mr. James was slowed briefly by quintuple heart bypass surgery, his daughter said, but he bounced back to his normal, active life until his final illness.

"He was able to spend his last days at home, on the farm, surrounded by his children and a few close friends," Jeffrey James said. "His life came full circle, and it was good."

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Dolores Kline

WAWAKA — Dolores J. Kline, 67, of Wawaka died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at 8 a.m. at her residence following three years of illness.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954 and spent most of her life in the city, working in quality assurance at Epic Corp. in Kendallville until she retired in 1999.

She returned to Kendallville after living in Colorado from 1974 to 1984. At one time, she was married to Franklin Kline.

She was born Dec. 30, 1936, in Kendallville to Fred P. and Lucille (LaBell) Wilson.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Ginny and Randy Dickerhoof of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Marcia Kline of Kendallville; three sisters, Judy Dawson of Angola, Erma Flora of South Bend and Nanette Nicoski of St. Paul, Minn.; grandchildren Crystal and Joshua Keen, Jennifer, Shannon and Bobby Kline and Julie Fender; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Kline, on March 4, 2003, and a brother, Paul Wilson.

Private family services will be held at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. and from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

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Driver in fatal crash wasn't drinking

Victim was girl, 17, from Auburn

CRASH: *Incident is year's second fatality for county*

BY STAFF REPORTS

CORUNNA — One DeKalb County teenager died and another was seriously injured in a two-car crash Saturday night southeast of Corunna, DeKalb County Police said.

The collision killed Jessica L. Otterstedt, 17, of the 1400 block of Foley Court, Auburn. She was entering her senior year at DeKalb High School, where she was an honor student.

A police report said a car driven by Jarrod H. Balzer, 16, of the 0200 block of DeKalb C.R. 40, Avilla, crashed head-on into Otterstedt's car on C.R. 28 east of C.R. 17 at 8:57 p.m.

Both cars were left of the road's center line when they collided, said a report by Deputy David Cserep, the investigating officer.

Otterstedt

Police said Otterstedt died from blunt trauma upon impact and was pinned inside her car, a 2000 Dodge Stratus. Fire immediately engulfed the car, according to a police report.

Balzer sustained a broken right foot and internal injuries, police said. He was pulled from his car by a rescuer.

A Samaritan rescue helicopter came to take Balzer to a hospital, but after it landed at the crash scene, its engine died. A DeKalb EMS ambulance immediately took Balzer to Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Police found beer inside Balzer's car and originally suspected he had been drinking alcohol, DeKalb County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jay Oberholtzer said late Saturday night.

However, a test showed no alcohol in Balzer's blood, Oberholtzer said Sunday afternoon.

Oberholtzer said investigating officers discovered a cooler of beer wedged between the dashboard and passenger seat of Balzer's 1994 Pontiac Grand Am, and emergency workers reported that he smelled of alcohol. Oberholtzer said it is possible that beer cans broke open from the force of the collision and spilled beer on Balzer.

Balzer is entering his junior year at Garrett High School.

A police report said Balzer was driving eastbound on C.R. 28, approaching a hillcrest east of C.R. 17. Otterstedt was driving westbound on C.R. 28. Their cars collided head-on at a high rate of speed in the middle of the road, in front of a home in the 1700 block of C.R. 28, about 100 yards east of C.R. 17.

Oberholtzer said Otterstedt reportedly was traveling to the home of her boyfriend, who lives a short distance from the crash scene.

DeKalb County Police received assistance at the scene from the Corunna Fire Department, Waterloo Police Department, Indiana State Police, Samaritan helicopter and DeKalb EMS.

Police said Saturday night's traffic death is the second in DeKalb County this year and the first on a rural road. At this time last year, seven people had died in traffic collisions in DeKalb County.

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Daniel Beechy

TOPEKA — Daniel D. Beechy, 65, of Topeka died at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 27, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Beechy was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He had retired from woodworking at Beechy Furniture Shop and from farming.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born Aug. 30, 1938, in LaGrange County to Daniel A. and Anna W. (Yoder) Beechy. On Dec. 4, 1958, in Shipshewana, he married Alma E. Miller. She survives.

Also surviving are eight daughters and sons-in-law, Amanda Sue and Alvin Yoder, Irma and Christy Krepp Jr., and Vera and Toby Yoder, all of LaGrange, Ida Mae and LeRoy Yoder and Fannie Irene and LeRoy Yoder, all of Topeka, Pollyanna and Vernon Bontrager of Shipshewana, Mary and Phillip Schwartz of Middlebury, and Martha and Milton Bontrager of Wolcottville; five sons and daughters-in-law, Vernon and Esther Beechy and Alvin Jay and LindaRose Beechy, all of LaGrange, Ernest and Mary Esther Beechy of Shipshewana, Harley and Linda Kay Beechy of Middlebury, and Daniel and Esther Beechy of Topeka; a brother, Aaron Beechy of Topeka; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Katie and Ura Garber of Ashland, Ohio, Emma and Roman Yoder of Greenwich, Ohio, and Lydiann Beechy of Topeka; and 85 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Alvin Beechy and William Beechy; and a sister, Barbara Beechy.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Harley Schrock residence, 3770 W. C.R. 350S, Topeka, with Bishop Alvin Mishler and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery.

Calling will be after 5 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

WOLCOTTVILLE — Funeral services for **Danita E. Fleck** were held Monday, June 21, 2004, at 11 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home with Mike Hamm officiating. Burial was in Woodruff Cemetery. Pallbearers were Aaron Allen, Daniel Fleck, E.J. Marcano, Joe Clark, Tim Clark and Jim Clark.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Betty Cogan** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was in Sweet Cemetery near Albion. Pallbearers were Bill Lovett, Mark Hiatt, Josh Keipper, Gene Cogan, Robert Gienger and Norbert Muzzillo.

BRIMFIELD — Graveside services for **Ernest M. Asher** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 15, 2004, at Orange Cemetery near Brimfield with the Rev. Mike Neff officiating. Pallbearers were Gus Shell, Jeff Mishler, Kendall Edwards and Jeff Asher. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Walter "Jr." Stanley** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield. Pallbearers were Jim Boggs, Shannon Christian, Daniel Stanley, Grayson Handshoe, Frank Miller and Sam

Harry Wilson Sr.

LIGONIER — Harry L. Wilson Sr., 75, of Kimmell died Saturday, June 26, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson retired as a tool and die maker at the 50 Corp. after 30 years of service. He had also worked as a deputy for the Williams County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department.

He had served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany.

He was a member of the NRA and the Farm Bureau. He attended Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell. Mr. Wilson enjoyed fishing, antique shopping, visiting with his children and spending time with his dog, Princess.

He was born Dec. 28, 1928, in Steubenville, Ohio, to Maurice and Ema (Smith) Wilson. On Sept. 16, 1990, he married Anna Nash Stauffer. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Bill Braker of New London, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harry L. Jr. and Debi Wilson of Gravois Mills, Mo., and Lee Eric Wilson of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Bonnie and Bob Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, Shelly Siebenaler of Edgerton, Ohio, and Becky and Neil Hybride of Bryan, Ohio; a stepson, Robert Ramsey of Toledo; four brothers, Vance Wilson and Wayne Wilson, both of Edgerton, Roger Wilson of Edon, Ohio, and Allen Kohout of Steubenville; a sister, Vivian Bever of Hastings, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry Nash and the Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Naomi Harper

AUBURN — Naomi P. Harper, 85, died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Harper was a homemaker and a member of Auburn First United Methodist Church and Women of the Moose in Auburn. She was a former member of Gamma Nu sorority.

She was born Aug. 7, 1918, in Auburn to Clarence and Kate (Zerns) Freeman.

She married Laurence Harper on Nov. 21, 1935, in DeKalb County. He died Nov. 19, 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Robert E. Harper of Auburn and Michael L. Harper of Thornton, Colo.; one brother, Keith Freeman of Fort Wayne; one sister, Doris Sauer of Panama City Beach, Fla.; 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Harper; two brothers, Merlin and Worth Freeman; a sister, Ruth Gardner; and her parents.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Wilbur Yates will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Moose service at 7 p.m.

Elizabeth Johnson

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth Josephine Johnson, 71, of LaGrange died Saturday, June 26, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Johnson had lived most of her life in LaGrange and was a homemaker.

She was born Aug. 8, 1932, in Ezel, Ky., to Henry and Cella (Peyton) Rigsby. On Dec. 6, 1951, in Valentine, she married Carl J. Johnson. He died May 22, 1998.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Debra and Estill Martin of LaGrange and Shery and Earl Wilson of Wolcottville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Denny J. and Diane Johnson and Gary L. Johnson, all of LaGrange; six sisters, Martha Longardner of Churubusco, Silva Martin of LaGrange, Barbara Smith and Birdeen Sweet, both of Wolcottville, Janet Miller of Leo and Mae Belvin of Corunna; four brothers, Ray Rigsby of Elkhart, Harold Rigsby of Fayetteville, Tenn., Michael Rigsby of Palmetto, Fla., and Ted Rigsby of Climax, Mo.; seven grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Victor Rigsby; and a great-granddaughter, Paige Johnson.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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William Whan

ANGOLA — William J. Whan, 86, of Angola, died Monday, June 28, 2004, in Angola.

Mr. Whan was born May 20, 1918, in Darlington, Pa., to William Jefferson and Lily Whan.

He was a steel mill worker, and he retired in 1979 after 42 years at Babcock & Wilcox Co. in Beaver Falls, Pa. He was a member of Moose Lodge No. 2387 in Fremont, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in East Palestine, Ohio, and the VFW of East Palestine.

He was a World War II Army veteran.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jo and William J. Von Ewegen of Angola; a son and his companion, Mark Whan and P.K. Miller of Angola; 13 grandchildren, Lisa Marie Valentine, Brett, Wes and Sarah Von Ewegen, Abby Freshwater, Terry Rock, Dee Klupp, Dave Rock, Lisa Bowyer, Amy Jo Hedrick, Ron Pauley, Nicole Pauley and Autumn Pauley; and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Gerald, Clark and Jeffrey Whan; and a sister, Retta Rawding.

Services will be at 12:30 p.m. Indiana time on Thursday at Oliver-Linsley Funeral Home, East Palestine, with the Rev. Robert Helbeck officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and from 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time on Wednesday at Oliver-Linsley.

Burial will be in Glenview Cemetery, East Palestine.

Memorials are to Moose Heart or Moose Haven.

Jessica Otterstedt

AUBURN — Jessica L. Otterstedt, 17, of Auburn died Saturday, June 26, 2004.

Miss Otterstedt

Born in Auburn, she worked part-time at Ponderosa in Auburn. She was a senior at DeKalb High School, involved with marching band and the color guard, tennis and the Sound Sensation show choir. She loved math and her friends, and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Surviving are her parents, Christian and Stella Otterstedt of Auburn; a sister, Melissa A. Otterstedt, at home; a brother, Kenneth J. Otterstedt of Indianapolis; a paternal grandmother, Elizabeth Otterstedt of Farmingdale, N.Y.; and a maternal grandmother, Martha Mularz of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, with a rosary service at 8:30 p.m. Additional calling will be Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund in memory of Jessica L. Otterstedt.

Dorothy Bitner

CROMWELL — Dorothy J. Bitner, 88, of Cromwell died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2004, at Avalon Village Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Bitner was a homemaker and lifetime Noble County resident. She was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, gardening and working in her yard.

Mrs. Bitner was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Kosciusko County to Chester O. and Flora O. (Wilkison) Swenson. She first married Don Harlan. He died in 1953. She then married Howard Bitner. He died in 1991.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph D. and Connie Harlan of Cromwell, John K. and Esther Harlan of Ligonier and Michael D. and Diane Harlan of Victorville, Calif.; a stepson, Larry Bitner of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Dwight Swenson; a sister, Mary Louise Swenson; and a grandson, Mark Harlan.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Indian Village United Methodist Church or Southern Care Fort Wayne, 4666 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Daniel Bontrager

GOSHEN — Daniel S. Bontrager, 89, of Goshen died at 9:20 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2004, following a brief illness.

Mr. Bontrager was ordained as a minister in 1940 and served actively for more than 50 years. He was a charter member of Woodlawn Amish-Mennonite Church, served on the founding board of Clinton Christian School and on the board of Menno-Hof. He and his wife served as missionaries from 1987-1989 in Belgium. He also farmed.

Mr. Bontrager

He was born Dec. 29, 1914, in Goshen to Jacob D. and Fannie (Schrock) Bontrager. On April 21, 1938, in Goshen, he married Elizabeth M. Yoder. She survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-laws, Loretta and Noah Hochstetler of Belize, Central America, Frieda and Paul Nisly of Hutchinson, Kan., Ruth and David Wickey of LaGrange and Regina and Harley Miller of Goshen; four sons and daughters-in-law, LaVern and Ruby Bontrager, Ervin and Elma Bontrager and Linford and Kay Bontrager, all of Goshen, and Thomas and Mollie Bontrager of Shipshewana; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Viola and Crist Gingerich of Shipshewana, Ida Helmuth of Goshen and Clara Gingerich of Bemidji, Minn.; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Elam Bontrager and Gideon and Verna Bontrager, all of Goshen; 27 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Laura Ropp; three brothers, Simon Bontrager, Ezra Bontrager and Lloyd Bontrager; and a granddaughter, Greta Wickey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Woodlawn Amish-Mennonite Church in Goshen with Bishop Elmer Miller, the Rev. Glen Miller and the Rev. Ed Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

Memorials are to World Missionary Press or Christian Aid Ministries.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

William Musser

WAWAKA — William N. Musser, 56, of Wawaka died Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Musser was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 15, 1947, in Auburn.

Mr. Musser

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Hetchler of LaGrange; a son, Jeffrey Musser of Kendallville; a brother, Kent Musser of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra Bendezu of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Musser.

Private graveside services will be at a later date. There will be no calling. Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Timothy Rowe

MARIETTA, Ga. — Timothy A. Rowe, 25, of Marietta, Ga., died Friday, June 25, 2004.

Mr. Rowe was an Atlanta Police motorcycle officer. He was a 1998 graduate of St. John's Jesuit High School in Toledo, Ohio. He attended Owens State College in Toledo prior to joining the Atlanta Police Department in 2001.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, hockey and motorcycling. He was a member of the Blue Knights, Georgia Chapter No. 1.

Surviving are his wife, Heath Finch Rowe; his mother and stepfather, Deborah and Bruce Brockway of Maumee, Ohio; his father and stepmother, Everett and Deborah Rowe of Angola; siblings, Porter and Cassandra Brockway, both of Maumee; a brother, Everett Rowe II of Tennessee; several stepbrothers and stepsisters, all of Angola; his maternal grandmother, Elizabeth L. Kurek of Toledo; his paternal grandparents, Elliott and Belle Rowe of Angola; his mother-in-law, Vicki Finch of Toledo; grandparents-in-law, Ernie and Bonnie Wright of Toledo; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services are today in Georgia and also at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Walker Funeral Home, Maumee. Calling will also be Thursday at Walker Funeral Home from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Cemetery, Toledo.

Memorials are to the Timothy A. Rowe Memorial Fund, 411 Oak St., Bremen, GA, 30110.

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June 29 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Lydia Fry

LAGRANGE — Lydia G. Fry, 85, of LaGrange died at 10:40 p.m. Sunday, June 27, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Fry was a homemaker and had lived in LaGrange County since 1935. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mrs. Fry was born Dec. 11, 1918, in Arthur, Ill., to George and Susie (Schrock) Helmuth. On Oct. 21, 1937, in LaGrange County, she married Dan J. Fry. He died March 15, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Mary Ellen and Vernon Raber and Estha Anna Fry, all of Abbyville, S.C.; seven sons and daughters-in-law, John and Pat Frye of West Blocton, Ala., Jacob and Pollyanna Fry of Topeka, Chris and Katie Fry of Conneciut, Pa., Joe and Bonnie Fry of Constantine, Mich., Dan Jr. and Ruby Fry of Nappanee, Clarence and Polly Anna Fry of Middlebury and Melvin and Rosetta Fry of LaGrange; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Elizabeth Helmuth of Topeka, Clarence and Susie Schlabach of Dalton, Wis., and Melvin and Ida Mae Schlabach of LaGrange; five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Lovina Yoder and Martha Schlabach, both of LaGrange, Sylvia Yoder of Goshen, Mary Ellen and John Gingerich of Milford, and Katie and Enos Kuhns of Topeka; three sisters-in-law, Anna Roine of Sarasota, Fla., Mary Helmuth of Goshen and Maxine Schlabach of LaGrange; a brother-in-law, Chris Miller of Shipshewana; 39 grandchildren; and 71 great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two infant sons, two infant daughters, four sisters and seven brothers.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Thursday at the family residence, 3365 S. C.R. 300W, LaGrange, with Bishop Ervin Junior Bontrager and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the family residence.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

G. Marie Bireley

HUNTERTOWN — G. Marie Bireley, 93, of Huntertown died at 7:12 a.m. Sunday at Byron Health Center in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Bireley was employed for 28 years at the power plant at the former Irene Byron Sanitarium in Fort Wayne and retired as a clerk at Tepe's in Fort Wayne in 1986 after 12 years of service. She was an 82-year member of Huntertown United Methodist Church. Mrs. Bireley had moved to Huntertown as a child and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1930.

Mrs. Bireley

She was born April 11, 1911, in DeKalb County to Charles and Goldie (Meese) Pepple. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel E. Bireley, in 1974.

Surviving are two grandsons, Brent E. Preston and his fiancee, Marcia King, of Fort Wayne and Steven R. Preston and his wife, Sandy, of Olathe, Kan.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Rozanne Sue Preston, in 2001; two sisters, Ruby I. McDougall and Rowene Warner; and two brothers, Wilbur Pepple and Walter Pepple.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. John Randall, pastor of Hope United Methodist Church in Hoagland, officiating. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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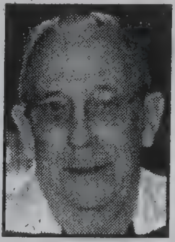
Earl Delucenay

ASHLEY — Earl F. Delucenay, 77, died Monday, June 28, 2004, at Quincy Manor in Quincy, Mich.

Mr. Delucenay was the co-owner of Delucenay Brothers in Ashley for 18 years, retiring in 1989. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II.


Mr. Delucenay

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in rural Waterloo and was an avid bowler. He was a member of the Ashley Fire Department, serving as its chief for nine years. He also belonged to Orland Post 423 of the American Legion and the Waterloo Post of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was born June 4, 1927, in Summit to Eugene and Margaret (Miller) Delucenay. He married Phyllis McKean on Aug. 7, 1948, in St. Michael's Catholic Church. She died April 2, 2003.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Greg Peterson of Fremont; three brothers, Harold Delucenay of Spokane, Wash., Edward Delucenay of New Haven and Eugene Delucenay of Ashley; four grandchildren, Pam Quaintance, David Smith, Sherry Roddy and Gary Smith; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Richard and Herman, and a sister, Helen Goebel, as well as his parents and wife.

David Lieb

BUTLER — David L. Lieb, 74, of Butler died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mr. Lieb received a bachelor's degree in 1956 from Goshen College and taught for 13 years at Cassopolis High School in Cassopolis, Mich. He later was employed by the Indiana Department of Transportation. He was a former member of the Lions Club and Elks Club in Cassopolis and had attended the Presbyterian church.

Mr. Lieb was born Aug. 3, 1929, in Sturgis, Mich., to Jean P. and Wava (Deal) Lieb.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Margaret Lieb of Auburn; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Margaret and William Tuck of Battle Creek, Mich., and Martha Cox of Cape Coral, Fla.; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Thomas Smith officiating. There is no visitation. Memorials are to Foundations of Noble County.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's Catholic Church, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial will be in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with a rosary service at 8 p.m. Additional calling will be Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Coldwater Hospice.

Glen Stebing

FORT WAYNE — Glen D. Stebing, 83, of Fort Wayne died Friday, June 25, 2004, at 3:02 a.m. at his home.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Stebing was a teacher at South Side High School in Fort Wayne for 38 years, retiring in 1985, and also coached football, basketball and track. A World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, he earned the Bronze Arrowhead for the D-Day Invasion of Normandy and also received five Battle Stars. Mr. Stebing was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Waynedale Masonic Lodge, American Legion Post 160 in Roanoke and the Foster Park Lions Club. He was the recipient of Lions awards including the Advanced Melvin Jones and Advanced W.P. Woods awards. He was a Lions past district governor and state convention chair. He was the first recipient of the Indiana Distinguished Lion of the Year award for Indiana. Mr. Stebing was a 1943 graduate of Manchester College and a 1947 graduate of Indiana University.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; a daughter, Jeri Kolash of Houston; three sons, Douglas of Folson, Calif., David of Anchorage, Alaska, and Kenneth of Boca Raton, Fla.; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Janet M., in 1987.

Services were today at 10:30 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Winchester Road Chapel. Burial was in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Foster Park Lions Club, Waynedale Masonic Lodge or Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice.

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June 29 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Ted Lepley Sr.

HUDSON — Ted D. Lepley Sr., 80, of Hudson died Sunday, June 27, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Lepley

Mr. Lepley was an auto mechanic and auto body shop owner. He was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Force on Feb. 22, 1943, at the age of 18 and served until January 1946. He participated in the Rome Arno Battle in Southern France and the air offensive over Japan on Ryukus Island. He was stationed in Italy, Sardinia, Corsica and Okinawa, Japan. While in the military, he drove trucks that took pilots and gunners to their planes. He also drove high-ranking military officials to their destinations.

He was born May 8, 1924, in Ashley to Guy C. and Gladys (Spangler) Lepley.

On Jan. 15, 1949, he married Violet Rowe. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Ted D. Lepley Jr. of Butler; two daughters and sons-in-law, Teri Sue and Denny Schiffli of Waterloo and Tami Jo and James W. Bell of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Sharon Miller of Pleasant Lake, Joyce Myers of Rocky River, Ohio, Wanita Tagtmeyer of Fremont and Karen Dilley of Monticello; five brothers, Walter, DeWayne, Bud, Richard and Jim Lepley, all of Ashley; three grandsons, Shawn Healey, Teddy D. Lepley III and John Paul Herber; and four granddaughters, Jessica and Emily Bell and Tasha and Tiffany Schiffli.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Penny M. Herber, in 1996, and two brothers, Udell and Lynn Lepley.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Hudson United Brethren Church with the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in Circle Cemetery with military graveside services.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, 612 N. Main St., Hudson, and Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to johnson@bnin.net.

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June 30 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Elizabeth O'Brien

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth J. "Betsy" O'Brien, 90, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Kendallville died at 9:05 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne where she had resided for the past year.

Mrs. O'Brien

Mrs. O'Brien was a sixth-grade teacher at Queen of Angels School in Fort Wayne for 15 years.

She moved to Kendallville in 1972 and served as housekeeper for her brother, Msg. William Faber, living eight years at the Immaculate Conception rectory and 22 years on South Main Street.

Mrs. O'Brien was born Jan. 2, 1914, in Evanston, Ill., to Michael and Susan (Didier) Faber. She was a graduate of St. Theresa College, Winona, Minn. While serving as a laboratory technician at Fort Knox, Ky., she met her husband, Charles P. O'Brien. They were married Jan. 3, 1943, in Louisville, Ky., He was injured in combat in Italy and died while she was pregnant for their second child.

Surviving are two sons, Daniel P. O'Brien of Zanesville and Charles P. O'Brien of Divide, Colo.; a brother, Msgr. William Faber of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sister Pierre Faber of Chicago; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two brothers, Peter Faber and Nicholas Faber; and two sisters, Regina Hazle and Veronica Kontny.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

There is no calling. A rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ralph Hartman

ROME CITY — Ralph Hartman, 75, of Rome City died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Donald Smith

FORT WAYNE — Donald M. Smith, 70, of Fort Wayne died Monday, June 28, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Smith had retired from General Electric Co. after 40 years of service. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War and a member of the American Legion at Orland, the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Order of Foresters and St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, June C. (Noll) Smith of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher and Christine Smith of Fort Wayne and Clayton and Marie Smith of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carla and Allen Gordon of Roanoke and Caren and Mark Robertson of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren; a brother, James Smith of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Marie Beuchler of Columbia City.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, Richard and Walter Smith.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 1502 E. Wallen Road, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery with military graveside rites.

Additional calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, where a vigil service will begin at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Bishop Dwenger High School or St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church.

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June 30 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Karl Akins

MONROEVILLE — Karl F. Akins, 93, of Monroeville died Monday, June 28, 2004, at his home. He had been in declining health for the past year.

Mr. Akins had been a conductor and worked in the yard switching division for the Penn Central Railroad. He retired in 1976 after 30 years of service.

He lived in Fort Wayne and St. Joe for several years and in Avilla from 1974 until February 2000 when he moved to Monroeville to be near his nephew Frank.

Mr. Akins was a former member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of the Rail Road Union. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and boating.

Mr. Akins was born Jan. 22, 1911, in St. Joe in DeKalb County to Frank W. and Daisy (Tomlinson) Akins. He served as a staff sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. On Aug. 3, 1948, in Fort Wayne, he married Agnes J. Beaver. She died Feb. 10, 1988.

Surviving are a nephew and his wife, Frank and Patricia Akins of Monroeville; and a niece and her husband, Helen and James Boschet of Fort Wayne.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Hollis Akins.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor Dean Bearman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Charles Walter

KENDALLVILLE – Charles A. "Buzz" Walter, 72, of Kendallville died Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Walter traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and Canada for 35 years judging six different breeds of horses and was highly respected in horse associations.

For 36 years he delivered gas and oil for Sinclair and Marathon Oil in Noble County and the surrounding area before retiring in 1991.

He was a 42-year member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville. He was an active leader for many years in the Noble County 4-H program and involved in the East Noble Basketball Boosters in the 1970s.

Mr. Walter was born October 23, 1931, in Kendallville the son of Charles Trevor and Norma Roxanne (Miller) Walter. He was a 1951 Kendallville High School graduate. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1955 during the Korean War.

In June 1957, he married Janice Irene Owen. She died May 12, 1979. He then married Patricia Mae (Schroeder) Godsell on July 3, 1980. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Carl Griffiths of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, David and Chris Walter of Kendallville; a stepson and his wife, Dan and Sue Godsell of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jean Getts of Fort Wayne; a grandson, Joel Walter; a granddaughter, Emily Griffiths; and a stepgranddaughter, Angie Miller.

Also preceding him in death were a son, Charles A. Walter II in 1989; a stepdaughter, Cindy Davis in 2002; a stepgrandson, Donald Ray Davis in 1981; and a brother, Trevor "Bud" Walter.

Services were held Friday, June 25, 2004, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in South Milford Cemetery.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 86 or the American Cancer Society Noble County Chapter.

Dolores Kline

WAWAKA – Dolores J. Kline, 67, of Wawaka died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at her residence following three years of illness.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954 and spent most of her life in the city, working in quality assurance at Epic Corp. in Kendallville until she retired in 1999.

She returned to Kendallville after living in Colorado from 1974 to 1984. At one time, she was married to Franklin Kline.

She was born December 30, 1936, in Kendallville to Fred P. and Lucille (LaBell) Wilson.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Ginny and Randy Dickerhoof of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Marcia Kline of Kendallville; three sisters, Judy Dawson of Angola, Erma Flora of South Bend and Nanette Nicoski of St. Paul, Minn.; grandchildren Crystal and Joshua Keen, Jennifer, Shannon and Bobby Kline and Julie Fender; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Kline, on March 4, 2003, and a brother, Paul Wilson.

Private family services were held at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

William Musser

WAWAKA – William N. Musser, 56, of Wawaka died Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Musser was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 15, 1947, in Auburn.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Hetchler of LaGrange; a son, Jeffrey Musser of Kendallville; a brother, Kent Musser of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra Bendezu of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Musser.

Private graveside services will be at a later date. There will be no calling. Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

THE NEW ERA

June 30 2004 Albion, Indiana

Harry Wilson, Sr.

KIMMELL – Harry L. Wilson Sr., 75, of Kimmell died Saturday, June 26, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilson retired as a tool and die maker at the 50 Corp. after 30 years of service. He had also worked as a deputy for the Williams County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department.

He had served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany.

He was a member of the NRA and the Farm Bureau. He attended Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell. Mr. Wilson enjoyed fishing, antique shopping, visiting with his children and spending time with his dog, Princess.

He was born December 28, 1928, in Steubenville, Ohio, to Maurice and Ema (Smith) Wilson. On September 16, 1990, he married Anna Nash Stauffer. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Bill Braker of New London, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harry L. Jr. and Debi Wilson of Gravois Mills, Mo., and Lee Eric Wilson of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Bonnie and Bob Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, Shelly Siebenaler of Edgerton, Ohio, and Becky and Neil Hybride of Bryan, Ohio; a stepson, Robert Ramsey of Toledo; four brothers, Vance Wilson and Wayne Wilson, both of Edgerton, Roger Wilson of Edon, Ohio, and Allen Kohout of Steubenville; a sister, Vivian Bever of Hastings, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry Nash and the Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

William Musser

WAWAKA – William N. Musser, 56, of Wawaka died Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Musser was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 15, 1947, in Auburn.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Hetchler of LaGrange; a son, Jeffrey Musser of Kendallville; a brother, Kent Musser of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra Bendezu of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Musser.

Private graveside services will be at a later date. There will be no calling. Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

Karen Dreibelbis

ALBION – Karen A. Dreibelbis, 58, of Albion died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at her home.

A lifetime Noble County resident, Mrs. Dreibelbis graduated with the Class of 1964 from Albion Jefferson High School and was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Class of 1964 Albion Jefferson High School, Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville, the Albion Lions Club, the Euchre Club and the Thursday Night Women's Bowling League at the Albion Bowl.

Mrs. Dreibelbis loved gardening, bowling, babysitting and flowers.

She was born December 11, 1945, in Kendallville the daughter of Phil and Mary Lou (DuBois) Norris. Her father survives in Albion and her mother is deceased. On August 29, 1964, in Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion, she married Duane A. Dreibelbis. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karman D. and Kenny Cornwell of Albion; a son and daughter-in-law, Kevin D. and Laura Dreibelbis of Albion; a sister, Deb Weidenhamer of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Marc and Jan Norris of Albion and Scott and Janet Norris of Syracuse; and three grandchildren, Kaleigh and Kendra Cornwell and Aidan Dreibelbis.

Services were hel Saturday, June 26, 2004, a Mt. Pleasant Luthera Church with Pastor An Marshall officiating. Buria was in Rose Hill Cemeter in Albion.

For those who wish memorials may be made t the Diabetes Association o Mt. Pleasant Luthera Church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to include additional information.*

James Lothamer

FREMONT — James Erwin Lothamer, 57, of Fremont died in his home Friday, June 25, 2004, after a 10-month battle with lung cancer.

He was born to Joseph and Ona (Boone) Lothamer-Shoemaker on Nov. 25, 1946. He married Shirley P. (Ansley) Landis on July 24, 1993, in Angola. She survives.

Mr. Lothamer spent most of his adult life as a factory worker, and worked at General Products for the last 11 years. He also worked at Acorn Components in Quincy and Coldwater, Mich., for 28 years.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Jammie and Eric North, Ionia, Mich.; two stepdaughters and their spouses, Lanean and Marvin Dyer, Coldwater, and Rhea Lynn and Joseph Papenbrock, Fremont; four stepsons and their spouses, Richard Lutz of Coldwater and Nathan Landis and Kevin and Kim Landis, all of Fremont, and Steve and Sarah Landis of Orland; five sisters, MaryAnn Flynn of Burlington, Mich., Betty Lou Bean of Quincy, Shirley Licht and Linda Clark, both of Coldwater, and Teresa Benjamin of Allen, Mich.; three brothers, Floyd Lothamer of Quincy, Donald Lothamer of Hillsdale, Mich., and David Lothamer of Justin, Texas; 25 stepgrandchildren; and five stepgreat-granchildren.

In addition to his first wife of 20 years, Karen Burkett, and his parents, four brothers, Charles, Robert, Edward and Alfred Lothamer, preceded him in death.

Services were Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, with Dr. Gregory Chupp and Kevin Landis officiating. Burial was in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the family.

Ralph Hartman

ROME CITY — Ralph P. Hartman, 75, of Rome City died at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Hartman was the former co-owner with his wife of Bailey's Tavern in LaOtto and the Anchor Inn in Rome City. He had also been a truck driver for TMX.

He had moved to Rome City in 1969 from Auburn.

Mr. Hartman was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church and a 4th Degree Knights of Columbus. He had served as a volunteer firefighter for LaOtto Fire Department and Rome City Fire Department.

He was born April 18, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Arthur and Ethel Hartman. On Feb. 14, 1969, in Grabill, he married Patricia Litot. She survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughter-in-law, Donald and Jenny Hartman of Anderson, Richard and Cindy Hartman of Fremont, Robert Voltz and Cassandre Fox of Pierceton and Max Voltz of Rome City; two sisters, Geraldine Hershberger of Fort Wayne and Margaret of California; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Friday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with the Rev. Charles Mullen officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Clover Drage

FORT WAYNE — Clover L. Drage, 88, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at 3:15 a.m. at St. Anne Home.

Mrs. Drage had been the organist at Calvary United Methodist Church for more than 40 years.

She was born April 4, 1916, in Adams County to Joshua F. and Hulda H. (Rumple) Bright.

Her husband, Harold D. Drage, died in 1987.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Alice A. and Robert Burris of Auburn, Janet S. and Michael Lewinski, also of Auburn, and Rebecca J. and James Miller of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Marjorie Nickols of Tucson, Ariz., Barbara Murphy of South Bend, Mary Huffman of Nalcrest, Fla., and Nancy Ogden of South Whitley; and a brother, John Bright of Fairfield, Ohio.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Calvary United Methodist Church, 6301 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Roger Olson officiating. Burial will be in Oaklawn Cemetery at Ossian.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Calvary United Methodist Church.

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Donald Snyder

AVILLA — Donald W. Snyder, 74, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Snyder had been a driver for six years with J.A.T. and retired in 1992.

He was a native of Auburn and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Snyder was a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97 and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Suviving are two daughters, Lisa K. McDaniel of Avilla and Lana J. Snyder of Fort Wayne; and a stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arvin C. and Sylvia M. (Rathge) Snyder; his wife, Jacqueline M. (Stabe) Snyder; a son, Lynn A. Snyder, in 1987; and a brother, Russell Snyder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery with military graveside rites by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Society.

W. June Hawthorne

ANGOLA — Funeral services are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont for W. June (Hawthorne) Kinsey, 87, of Angola, who died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hawthorne was born on July 9, 1916, in Fremont.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Regina and Lawrence Blanchard of South Whitley; and a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Carol Hawthorne of Welches, Ore.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

July 7 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Fluella Rose Ummel

SYRACUSE — Former West Noble School teacher Fluella Rose Ummel, 76, died Wednesday, June 23 at her residence.

She was born July 6, 1927, in Wabash to Athol Vere and Vera Marie (Blue) Kelley.

On August 31, 1947 she married Devon Eldon Ummel, who survives.

She moved to the local area in 1957.

She was a member of Beaver Dam High School class of 1944, graduated from Manchester College in 1948, and received a master's degree at St. Francis College in Fort Wayne in 1968.

She was a school teacher for 28 years, retiring from West Noble School Corp. in 1982.

Mrs. Ummel was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse, a lifetime member of NEA and ISTA, and the Indy 500 Oldtimers Club. She was an official for Indy Car Racing and a manufacturer representative for racing accessories.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two sons and daughter-in-laws, Dallas and Helen Ummel and Gregory and Tamra Ummel, both of Leesburg; two daughters and one son-in-law, Teresa and Tim Fields, Gules Ferry, Conn., and Linda Ummel, Bloomington; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Esther and Jack Wise, Johnson City, Tenn.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

The funeral was held Monday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Syracuse with Rev. Kennard Robinson officiating.

Burial was in Syracuse Cemetery.

Dolores Kline

WAWAKA — Dolores J. Kline, 67, of Wawaka died Wednesday, June 23, 2004, at 8 a.m. at her residence following three years of illness.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1954 and spent most of her life in the city, working in quality assurance at Epic Corp. in Kendallville until she retired in 1999.

She returned to Kendallville after living in Colorado from 1974 to 1984. At one time, she was married to Franklin Kline.

She was born Dec. 30, 1936, in Kendallville to Fred P. and Lucille (LaBell) Wilson.

Surviving are one daughter and son-in-law, Ginny and Randy Dickerhoof of Kendallville; one son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Marcia Kline of Kendallville; three sisters, Judy Dawson of Angola, Erma Flora of South Bend and Nanette Nicoski of St. Paul, Minn.; grandchildren Crystal and Joshua Keen, Jennifer, Shannon and Bobby Kline and Julie Fender; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Kline, on March 4, 2003, and a brother, Paul Wilson.

Private family services were held at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel, in Syracuse was in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be directed to Care at Home Hospice of Goshen General Hospital and Center for Cancer Care in Goshen.

Dorothy Bitner

CROMWELL — Dorothy J. Bitner, 88, of Cromwell died at 1:30 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2004, at Avalon Village Healthcare Center.

Mrs. Bitner was a homemaker and lifetime Noble County resident. She was a member of Indian Village United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, gardening and working in her yard.

Mrs. Bitner was born Nov. 29, 1915, in Kosciusko County to Chester O. and Flora O. (Wilkison) Swenson. She first married Don Harlan. He died in 1953. She then married Howard Bitner. He died in 1991.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph D. and Connie Harlan of Cromwell, John K. and Esther Harlan of Ligonier and Michael D. and Diane Harlan of Victorville, Calif.; a stepson, Larry Bitner of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; and seven great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Dwight Swenson; a sister, Mary Louise Swenson; and a grandson, Mark Harlan.

Services were held this morning (Thursday) at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Memorials are to Indian Village United Methodist Church or Southern Care Fort Wayne, 4666 W. Jefferson Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

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Harry Wilson Sr.

LIGONIER — Harry L. Wilson Sr., 75, of Kimmell died Saturday, June 26, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wilson retired as a tool and die maker at the 50 Corp. after 30 years of service. He had also worked as a deputy for the Williams County, Ohio, Sheriff's Department.

He had served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany.

He was a member of the NRA and the Farm Bureau. He attended Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell. Mr. Wilson enjoyed fishing, antique shopping, visiting with his children and spending time with his dog, Princess.

He was born Dec. 28, 1928, in Steubenville, Ohio, to Maurice and Ema (Smith) Wilson. On Sept. 16, 1990, he married Anna Nash Stauffer. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Bill Braker of New London, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harry L. Jr. and Debi Wilson of Gravois Mills, Mo., and Lee Eric Wilson of Fort Wayne; three stepdaughters, Bonnie and Bob Nelson of Toledo, Ohio, Shelly Siebenaler of Edgerton, Ohio, and Becky and Neil Hybride of Bryan, Ohio; a stepson, Robert Ramsey of Toledo; four brothers, Vance Wilson and Wayne Wilson, both of Edgerton, Roger Wilson of Edon, Ohio, and Allen Kohout of Steubenville; a sister, Vivian Bever of Hastings, Mich.; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were Tuesday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Larry Nash and the Rev. Linn Bartling officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery at Kimmell.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

William Musser

WAWAKA — William N. Musser, 56, of Wawaka died Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Mr. Musser was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He was born July 15, 1947, in Auburn.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Hetchler of LaGrange; a son, Jeffrey Musser of Kendallville; a brother, Kent Musser of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra Bendezu of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Musser.

Private graveside services will be at a later date. There will be no calling. Arrangements are by McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home in Auburn.

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Merlin Yant

CHURUBUSCO — Merlin R. Yant, 90, of Churubusco died Thursday, July 1, 2004, in the Oaks Nursing Center of Columbia City.

Mr. Yant

Mr. Yant was a retired farmer and construction worker.

He enjoyed collecting knives, Indian artifacts, hunting, fishing and gardening.

Mr. Yant was a member of Good News Baptist Church of Churubusco.

He was born March 27, 1914, in Swan Township, Noble County, the son of Ervin V. and Laura M. (Miller) Yant. He first married Helen L. Killworth. She died Feb. 4, 1976. He then married Violet Herendeen. She died Aug. 5, 2003.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Keith and Julia Yant of Huntertown, two stepsons, Max Herendeen of Churubusco and Ralph Herendeen of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Sharon Brown of Washington; two grandsons; several stepgrandchildren; three great-granddaughters; several stepgreat-grandchildren and several stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Thomas Yant in 1938; a stepson, Donald Herendeen; a sister, Ethel Bainter; and two brothers, Millard Yant and Walter Yant.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home of Churubusco with Pastor Edward Thompson officiating. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Good News Baptist Church or the Whitley County Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with new information about services.*

William Musser

WAWAKA — William N. Musser, 56, of Wawaka died Thursday, June 24, 2004, in Wawaka.

Born July 15, 1947, in Auburn, he was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle Hetchler of LaGrange; a son, Jeffrey Musser of Kendallville; a brother, Kent Musser of Fort Wayne; a sister, Sandra Bendezu of Angola; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Beth Musser.

Services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside services.

Calling will be Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about survivors and services.*

Donald Snyder

AVILLA — Donald W. Snyder, 74, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Auburn, Mr. Snyder was a driver with J.A.T. for six years, retiring in 1992.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was a member of the American Legion Post 97 in Auburn and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa K. McDaniel of Avilla and Lana J. Snyder of Fort Wayne; four grandchildren, Keshia and Leticia Kinch and Jonathon and Kayla McDaniel; and one stepgrandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arvin C. and Sylvia M. (Rathge) Snyder, his wife, Jacqueline M. (Stabe) Snyder; a son, Lynn A. Snyder, in 1987; and a brother, Russell Snyder.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Tom Novy will officiate. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn with military graveside rites by American Legion Post 240 of Avilla.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

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W. June Hawthorne

ANGOLA — W. June Kinsey Hawthorne, 87, of Angola died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at Covington Manor Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hawthorne was born in Fremont on July 9,1916, to James and Emma (Letts) Kinsey. She was a 22-year employee of Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

She served as president of the Elliott Manor Council and was the resident member of the Elliott Manor Management Council.

Her hobbies included reading, Scrabble, crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Regina and Lawrence Blanchard of South Whitley; a son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Carol Hawthorne of Welches, Ore.; nine grandchildren, Marc Schuerman, Michael Schuerman, Brad Schuerman, Lisa Herring, Angela Thatcher, Laura Burdick, Jim Hawthorne, Trina Lyon and Jeff Hawthorne; eight stepgrandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother and two sisters.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Eric Stoops officiating. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Services & Hospice, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Connie Evers

KENDALLVILLE — Connie Evers, 80, of Kendallville, owner of Connie's Shoe Store and Flea Market, died today, Friday, July 2, 2004, at the home of her son, Terry Evers, at Big Long Lake.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Lucille Ballentine

AUBURN — Lucille E. Ballentine, 78, formerly of Garrett died this morning, July 2, 2004, at her daughter's home in Auburn.

Services will be Monday at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Calling will be Sunday. A full obituary will be published in Saturday's edition.

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Neal Evard

COLUMBIA CITY — Neal E. Evard, 72, of Columbia City died Thursday, July 1, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City, where he was a resident since September 2001.

Mr. Evard

Before retiring in 1977, Mr. Evard worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for more than 12 years, drove a truck for Brown Gravel Co. and worked for H.J. Schrader, J.I. Case in Churubusco and Liberty Mobile Homes in Syracuse. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of Wolf Lake V.F.W. 4717, Albion American Legion 246, Cromwell Masonic Lodge 705, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, Whitley County Shrine Club, Columbia City Hillbilly Clan 95 and the Wolf Lake Fire Department from May 10, 1954, until 1994.

He was born July 24, 1931, in Columbia City to David Paul and Mary B. (Dimmick) Evard. His formative years were spent in Columbia City until the seventh grade when his family moved to Bear Lake. He completed his education at Wolf Lake High School.

In 1952, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Hawaii and Alaska during the Korean conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1954.

On Nov. 15, 1968, he married Ruth A. Hollopeter. They lived in Green Township, Noble County, for three years. In 1972, they moved to Bear Lake. In 1992, they moved to Columbia City. She preceded him in death May 20, 2001.

He is survived by three sons, Paul Eugene Evard of Albion, Anthony Wayne Evard of Kendallville and Scott Allan Evard of Columbia City; a daughter, Theresa Marie Evard of Columbia City; three grandsons, Casey Evard, Justin Evard and Chris Evard; and a granddaughter, Abby Evard.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Smith & Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Pastor Dan Carlson will officiate. Burial will be in Nolt Cemetery with military honors.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 7 p.m. and an Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Service to immediately follow.

Maurice Wessel

APOPKA, Fla. — Maurice H. Wessel, 85, of Apopka, Fla., died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at Sunbelt Healthcare in Apopka, Fla.

Mr. Wessel was a mechanical engineer at reliance Electric in Cleveland, Ohio. He was a U.S. Air Force first lieutenant, serving a tour of duty in China.

Her was a member of the Apopka Veterans of Foreign Wars post, the American Legion in Mount Dora, Fla., the Elks and St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

He was a 1935 graduate of Garrett High School and received a four-year degree in mechanical engineering from Tri-State University.

He was born Sept. 11, 1918, in Garrett, Ind..

He is survived by his wife, Frances Wessel of Apopka; a son, Maurice Wessel Jr., of Dallas; a daughter, Cynthia Silverstein of East Lyme, Conn.; a stepson, Raymond Day of Phoenix; a stepdaughter, Virginia Dietrich of Monroe, Mich.; a sister, Alitha Diebele of Garrett; three stepgrandchildren and three stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Wessel, in 1979, two sisters, Helen Schumaker and Edna Dannenberg, and a brother, Leroy Wessel.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn, Ind..

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Hospice of Orlando, Fla., or St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 261 S. McGee Ave., Apopka, FL 32703.

Constance Evers

KENDALLVILLE — Constance J. "Connie" Evers, 80, of Kendallville died Friday, July 2, 2004, at her son's home at Big Long Lake in LaGrange County.

She was the owner of Connie's Shoe Store in Kendallville, more recently known as Connie's Corner Flea Market, which she started in 1953. She was a member of Noble Chapter 122 Order of the Eastern Star and the VFW Women's Auxiliary, both in Kendallville. She was an early pioneer of the Apple Festival.

Mrs. Evers

She was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Kendallville to Frank Lud Reed and Jessie (Campbell) Reed. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Sharon Evers of Wolcottville; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Julie and Ron Olin of Morenci, Mich.; a great-grandson, Brandon Keezer of Morenci; a great-granddaughter, Kara Keezer of Morenci; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Marion Halferty of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frank L. Reed Jr.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Dean Bearman will officiate. Burial will be at a later date in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Send condolences or sign the guest book at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lucille Ballentine

AUBURN — Lucille E. Ballentine, 78, formerly of Garrett, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at the home of her daughter in Auburn.

Mrs. Ballentine worked at Stanadyne of Garrett until her retirement in 1988.

She was a member of New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and the Garrett American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born March 21, 1926, in Savannah, Ga., to James and Emily (Jones) Bischoff. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert E. Ballentine on Feb. 9, 1946, at St. John Church in The Navy Yard in Charleston, S.C. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Fred J. and Gloria Ballentine of Butler; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Sandy L. and Wesley Albright of Garrett, Cindy K. and Rick Rowe of Garrett, Carolyn S. Miller of Garrett, and Marie E. and Paul "Tony" Brewer of Auburn; a friend and companion, Jack Miller of Garrett; 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, James and Albert Driggers, and a great-grandson, Ryed Kocher.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Center or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Donald Trine

ALBION, Mich. — Donald C. Trine, 88, of Albion, Mich., died Friday, July 2, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola, Ind.

A lifelong resident of the Albion area, Mr. Trine lived on Bath Mills Road since 1949. He owned a toy factory, Hamburger Haven on Michigan Avenue and Knotty Pine Drive-In in Marshall. He co-founded Albion Industries.

He started T&S Equipment on Dec. 1, 1955, and Vestil Manufacturing in 1968. Both companies moved to Angola in 1982. He was a life member of the Albion Elks Lodge 1798, Albion Moose 406 and Albion Eagles Lodge 1265.

He was born Aug. 23, 1915, in Albion to Clyde and Edna Maude (Freer) Trine. He married Reva H. Hinkle on July 3, 1937. She preceded him in death on March 11, 2001.

He is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph and Sheri Trine of Fremont, Philip and Bonnie Trine of Albion, Mich., and Robert and Jean Johnson of Wauscon, Ohio; a half-brother and sister-in-law, Voyl and Marge Trine of Jackson; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Irene Hart.

Services will be today at Riverside Cemetery in Albion, Mich. They are private. The Rev. Dwayne Bagley will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Albion Civic Foundation in Albion, Mich.

Arrangements are by Tidd-Williams Funeral Chapels.

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Jeanine Farrell

AUBURN — Jeannine M. Farrell, 37, of Auburn, died Thursday, July 1, 2004.

She worked at Tower Automotive in Auburn. She was born May 14, 1967, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Barb (Snyder) and Duane Baughman Sr. of Auburn; a grandmother, Angela Snyder of Wyoming, Mich.; a brother, Jim Farrell of Auburn; a stepbrother and his wife, Skip and Mary Baughman of Auburn; two stepsisters and their husbands, Tonya and Ken Heiniger of Auburn and Katie and Robert Calderwood of Durham, N.C., two aunts, Beverly Langley of Wyoming, Mich., and Beneta Kintigh and her husband, Rich, of Hudsonville, Mich.; an uncle and his wife, David and Susan Snyder, of Harleysville, Pa.; eight nieces and nephews, Nick, Joey, Kenny, Kelsey, Kayla, Kirsten, Chris and Ashlie; and her beloved dogs, Haley and Maranda.

Her father, Paul E. Farrell, preceded her in death in 1998.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

ROME CITY — Services for **Dorothy G. Tatman** were held at 9 a.m. Monday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church at Rome City. The Rev. Charles Mullen officiated. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Paula Rollins, Vicki Tatman, Nathan Tatman, Matthew Tatman, Kirk Tatman and John Richards. Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Bud Campbell** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Greg Campbell officiating. Burial was in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett. Pallbearers were Larry McGahen, James "Wilbur" Walkup, Jeff Brennan, Mark Reid, Ted Wallace and Jim Bartlett Sr. Honorary pallbearers were Benny Wilondek, Russ Muscello Sr., Don Bilbee, Glenn Bollinger, Ed Hill and Wayne Schmidt.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Karen Dreibelbis** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 26, at Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville with Pastor Ann Marshall and Pastor Susan Socha officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion. Pallbearers were Brad Dreibelbis, Brent Dreibelbis, Josh Norris, Jerrod Norris, Nicholas Norris and Justin Ward. Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

AVILLA — Services for **Richard "Dick" Traxler** were held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in Ege Catholic Cemetery with military graveside services by members of Avilla American Legion Post 240. Pallbearers were Aaron Traxler, Ron Sparkman, Travis Sparkman, Tyson Sparkman, Kevin Schenher, Jim Schenher and Austin Schenher. Honorary pallbearers were Alec Traxler, Wyatt Traxler, Alec Schenher, Brad Hamlin and Justin Stoltz. Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, was in charge of arrangements.

AVILLA — Services for **Elizabeth J. "Betsy" O'Brien** were held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with the Rev. Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla. Pallbearers were Jim Mueller, Mike O'Brien, Ethan O'Brien, Kim O'Brien, Joseph O'Brien and Carrie Saverese. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with the name of an additional survivor.*

Jeannine Farrell

AUBURN — Jeannine M. Farrell, 37, of Auburn, died Thursday, July 1, 2004.

She worked at Tower Automotive in Auburn. She was born May 14, 1967, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her mother and stepfather, Barb (Snyder) and Duane Baughman Sr. of Auburn; a grandmother, Angela Snyder of Wyoming, Mich.; a brother, Jim Farrell of Auburn; a stepbrother and his wife, Skip and Mary Baughman of Auburn; two stepsisters and their husbands, Tonya and Ken Heiniger of Auburn and Katie and Robert Calderwood of Durham, N.C., three aunts, Vera Farrell of Howard City, Mich., Beverly Langley of Wyoming, Mich., and Beneta Kintigh and her husband, Rich, of Hudsonville, Mich.; an uncle and his wife, David and Susan Snyder, of Harleysville, Pa.; eight nieces and nephews, Nick, Joey, Kenny, Kelsey, Kayla, Kirsten, Chris and Ashlie; and her beloved dogs, Haley and Maranda.

Her father, Paul E. Farrell, preceded her in death in 1998.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Everett Stebing

WATERLOO — Everett "Pude" Stebing, 85, of Waterloo, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Stebing worked as custodian for the First Baptist Church in Fort Wayne for 12 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He lived in Fort Wayne for 22 years, then in Auburn for 25 years before spending the last 22 years in Waterloo.

He was born Aug. 24, 1918, in Auburn to Jake and Margurite (Ferguson) Stebing.

He married Ruth (Kerns) Loos Stebing on May 21, 1982, in Waterloo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ron and Bonnie Stebing of Grabill and Larry and Bea Stebing of Angola; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Beverly (Kline) Stebing. They were married in 1940 and she died in 1980. He also was preceded in death by three brothers, Bob, George and Gene Stebing.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna.

Calling will be Tuesday from 5 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Waterloo United Methodist Church or DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

Martha Miser

WATERLOO — Martha J. Miser, 75, of Waterloo died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Miser was born April 12, 1929, in Ashley, to Pliny and Rosa (Mayer Hofer) Gratz. She was married to Jack L. Miser in Waterloo on April 2, 1949. He survives.

She was a bookkeeper for attorney Phyllis Gratz Poff in Auburn for 30 years, and also a bookkeeper for Hickory Farms in Auburn and Fort Wayne.

She was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are three daughters, Nancy Miser and Sandra McAfee, both of Auburn, and Rebecca Tompkins of Ashley; two sisters, Phyllis Gratz Poff and Laura Lee Phillips, both of Auburn; a sister-in-law, Garcile Myers of Auburn; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Todd and Michelle McAfee, Anthony Miser, Jaimi and Brad Chorpenning, Meghann McAfee, Deidri and Scott Greer, Molly McAfee and Kurt Tompkins; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, a son-in-law, Steve Tompkins, and a sister-in-law, Melva Myers.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev. Rex Charles officiating. Calling will be Monday from 2 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Otis Sparkman

HUEYSVILLE, Ky. — Otis (Bum) Sparkman, 66, of Hueysville, Ky., died Friday, July 2, 2004, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Ky.

Mr. Sparkman was born July 16, 1937, in Floyd County, Ky., to Willie and Sadie (Stephens) Sparkman.

Surviving are four sons, Tommy and Jonathan Sparkman, both of Hueysville, and William and Rondall Ray Sparkman, both of Sturgis, Mich.; three brothers, Dallas Sparkman of Willard, Ohio, Raymond Sparkman of Rome City and Carvin Sparkman of Hueysville; seven sisters, Clara Prater, Allene Prater and Arlene Scott, all of Hueysville, Connie Mosley of Garner, Ky., Joyce Shepherd of Thelma, Ky., Imogene Griffith of Lima, Ohio, and Paulette Crotts of Mt. Airy, N.C.; three grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Doug Vanderpool; two brothers, Ken and Carl Ted Sparkman; and a sister, Macine Sparkman.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Indiana time on Monday at Nelson Frazier Funeral Home in Martin, with James Butler officiating. Calling was on Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Sparkman Cemetery, Hueysville.

Wallace Reed

AUBURN — Wallace Wilson Reed, 68, of Auburn died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reed was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Raymond and Opal (Singleton) Reed. He married Grace Cluster in Butler on April 4, 1959. She survives.

He worked for Dana-Weatherhead Corp. in Antwerp, Ohio, for 23 years, retiring in 1989.

He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving with the U.S. Navy on the USS Hornet. He was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Reed of Butler, Danny Reed of Auburn and Robert and Julie Reed of Avondale, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Ted Congleton of Corunna; a sister, Charlotte Feller of Auburn; and a grandson, Isaac Reed.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Butler Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller Funeral Home Waterloo, and one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday.

Memorials are to Butler Church of the Nazarene.

Esther Littlejohn

ANGOLA — Esther R. (Throop) Littlejohn, 90, of Angola died Friday, July 2, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

Mrs. Littlejohn was born Aug. 10, 1913, in Montgomery, Mich., to Earl and Flora Bell (Gill) Fiser. She was married to the Rev. Lawrence Throop, who died on Oct. 4, 1966. She then married Forest Littlejohn in October 1973, and he preceded her in death in January 1992.

She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Angola Assembly of God Church, and she loved to play the piano, organ and accordion.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Ellen J. and Billy Hennessey of Angola; a grandson, James D. Hennessey of Fort Benning, Ga.; and a great-granddaughter, Cecilia Hennessey of Fort Benning.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Jerry M. Littlejohn, her parents, and a sister, Doris Kurtz.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be for one hour before services.

Burial will be in Berg Cemetery, Montgomery, Mich.

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Jim Lothamer remembered as man of humor

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FREMONT — Jim Lothamer liked to make people laugh.

"He told jokes all the time," said his wife, Shirley. "He wanted to make people laugh. He wanted everyone to be happy. He was one terrific guy."

James Erwin "Jim" Lothamer, 57, of Fremont, succumbed at home on June 25, 2004, after a 10-month battle with lung cancer.

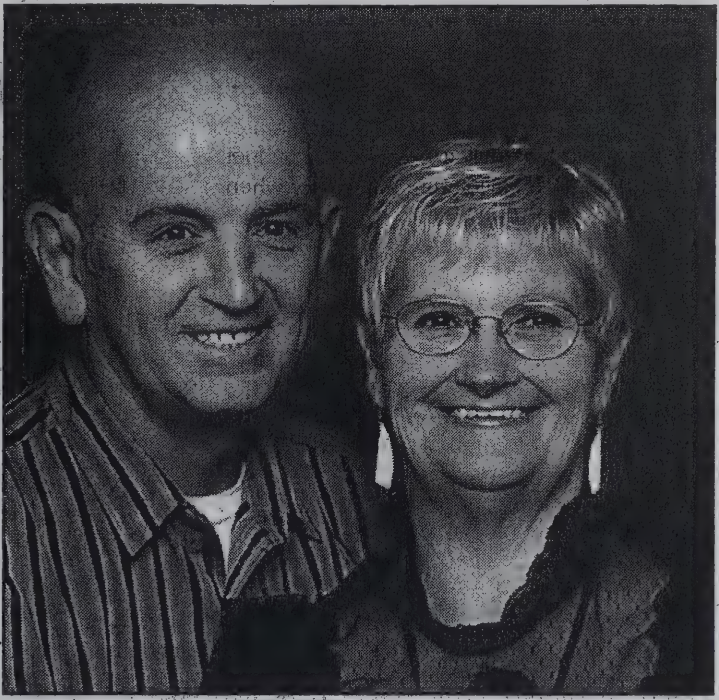
"He fought the good fight and lasted longer than the doctors ever expected," said Mr. Lothamer's niece, Carrol Cofer.

Mr. Lothamer and his wife of nearly 11 years had known each other for a lot of years before they got married.

"We went to school together in sixth, seventh and eighth grades ... from 1957-1960, I think," Shirley said. "Then in 1989 we got invited to our 25th reunion ... we'd never been invited before, because we had both dropped out. But we went that year, and we got reacquainted."

Jim's first wife had passed away shortly before the couple's 20th anniversary, and he had been alone for six months at the time of the reunion. Shirley had lost her first husband right before they would have been married 20 years, too .... she had been alone for nine years when she met up with Jim again.

The couple had their first date on July 1, 1989. They moved in together in 1990, and got married on July 24, 1993.



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James Lothamer and his wife, Shirley, are seen in this portrait photo. The couple had their first date on July 1, 1989, and married on July 24, 1993. Mr. Lothamer died June 25, 2004.

"People wanted to know why we didn't just get married when we were living together," Shirley said. "I told them, 'at our age, you really want to make sure you're doing the right thing. You don't want any divorces or anything like that."

Jim and Shirley had 10 good years of marriage before his diagnosis. Because Jim was in so much pain as his illness progressed, he and Shirley couldn't sleep in the same bed toward the end.

But recently, Shirley slept with him for three nights because she knew his time was short.

"A couple of weeks ago, I decided I just had to sleep with my Jimmy," she said. "I slept with him on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I just needed that closeness. I had to stay real still so I didn't hurt him. But I'm glad I did it."

Shirley said her husband was determined that his cancer would not beat him for a long time, and that she remembers vividly when it hit him recently that he was not going to survive.

"I had a baby monitor where I slept so I could hear him where he was," she said. "I heard th ... well, pitiful cry, really. H said, 'Oh my God, Shirley, I' going to die.'"

Carrol lives in Georgia ar hadn't seen her uncle for while, but said she's glad for th memories she has.

"I don't know that I want remember him any other wa than always cutting up with and telling the cheesiest joke any grown man would tell," sh said.

Shirley said she always like talking to her husband becaus "he was such a smart, intelliger person."

"He loved to read," she saic

Astronomy was another or of his loves.

"He could tell you stu about the stars, what this plane was and what that planet was Shirley said.

Mr. Lothamer had or daughter, Jammie. He ha dozens of grandchildren ar great-grandchildren, and Shirle said they were some of the true loves of his life.

"He loved spending tim with his kids and grandkids she said.

He also loved his grea niece, Keana, 3.

"(Keana) loved Uncle Jin but always played bashful whe he was around, hiding behin someone's leg and peeking ou to see where he was and what h was doing," Carro remembered.

It was also Uncle Jim wh gave Keana her first ice cream

"We have that on film Carrol said.

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Bowler taught youngsters about life

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KENDALLVILLE — Bud Campbell said he wanted to bowl when he was 90 — and he did.

Three months after his 90th birthday, "Dad rolled a 179," said his son, Kendallville firefighter Jerry Campbell.

It was a very respectable score for a man who devoted three decades of his life to a sport that didn't make him rich. It just left him well respected.

Mr. Campbell died June 22, 2004, at the age of 91.

Bud Campbell and his late wife, Maxine, who died in 1980, taught thousands of young people how to bowl through their involvement with the Kendallville Bowling Center. It is a legacy that continues with his children's involvement in Shadow Bowl on North Lima Road in Kendallville.

"Everything I learned in bowling came from him," noted grandson Jeff Campbell of Rome City. "A majority of the current bowlers in Kendallville learned the game from him, too."

Mr. Campbell emphasized teaching youth the sport of bowling, starting the city's first youth league after coming to Kendallville in 1953. He had been operating the Auburn Recreation and Bowling Center, starting there when it was still located above the Kroger store's former site in downtown Auburn.

"There were 180 kids in three age levels" in the youth league, said Jerry and his brother, Bob, who is co-owner of Shadow Bowl. Jerry coaches kids in the youth league, but admits he lacks the patience his father had.

According to his sons, Mr. Campbell believed that by teaching young people the game, he would have a strong business in the years to come.

One of those who learned bowling as a youth is Dennis Nartker.

"As a 9-year-old beginner in 1961 in the Saturday morning Jackie Levin youth league, I remember Bud assembling us on the lanes and teaching us how to grip the ball, approach the foul line, the take-away and follow-through," Nartker said.

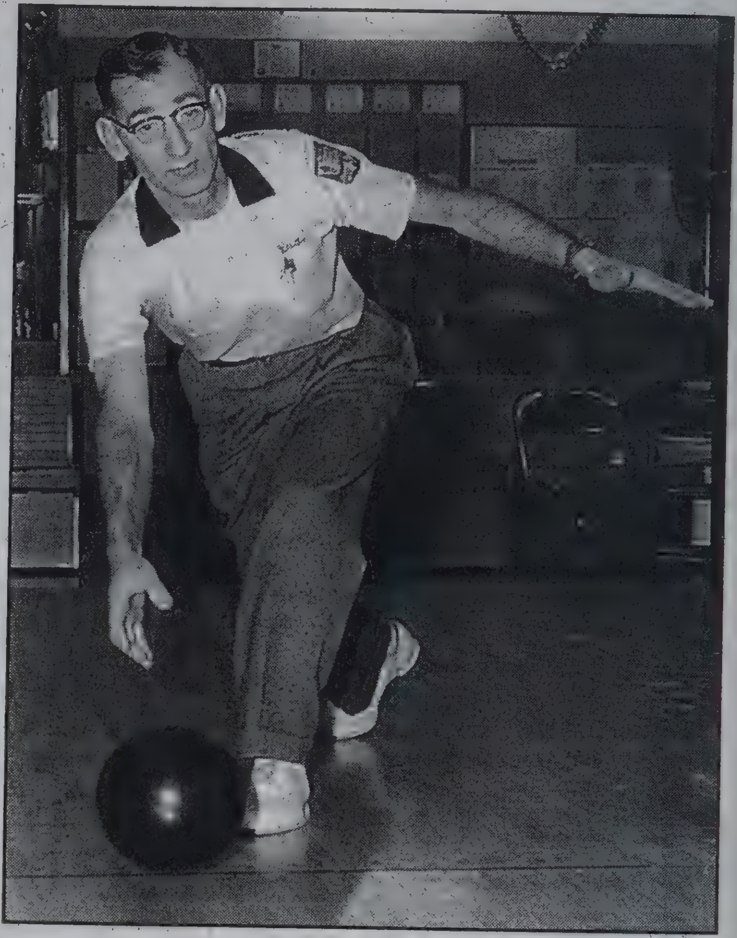
"He taught us how to safely pick up a bowling ball from the return without pinching our fingers, and avoid falling on the lanes by keeping the soles of our bowling shoes clean. Most of all, he taught us how to act in public, and encourage each other."

Jeff Campbell agreed that his grandfather's emphasis on sportsmanship was a hallmark of the Campbell bowling legacy.

"If you made a bad shot, he said to just forget about it, or it will affect your next roll," Jeff Campbell said. "And most important to me was his way of not carrying a grudge against anyone."

Another bowling student who also worked for Mr. Campbell is Joe Atz, who called Mr. Campbell "A great man to learn a good work ethic from."

Atz said Mr. Campbell was firm, but fair. "I loved working for him; he made you do the job right, and taught responsibility.



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Bud Campbell delivers the ball at his Kendallville Bowling Center on North Park Avenue in this photo, probably taken in the late 1960s or early '70s.

"I think he was a typical man of his generation in that he wanted a strong family, and he wanted to do his job," Atz added. "He certainly knew kids. He wouldn't fire you for making a mistake, but instead guided you to grow into the work."

Nartker participated in the youth league for nine years, winning trophies and awards, but remembers most the camaraderie with friends and the fun of bowling.

"At the end of every season, Bud and Maxine gave us a party, handed out awards and let us bowl a free game or two," Nartker said.

"They made bowling fun, the experience memorable."

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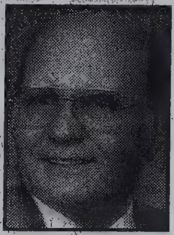
Doyle David

GREENTOWN — Doyle E. David, 84, of Greentown died Friday, July 2, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo.

Mr. David was born in Union Township on Nov. 4, 1919, to Clifford and Inez (Brunk) David. He married Janice Bryant on April 11, 1941, and she survives.

He was a farmer all of his life on the farm that the David family has owned since 1874. The last few years of his life, he retired because of his health. He resided on the farm, which was in Union Township, and spent his winters in Bradenton, Fla.



Mr. David

He was a 1937 graduate of Union Township High School. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Greentown, the Willing Workers Sunday school class and the National Greentown Glass Association and the Greentown Historical Society. He was a former member of the Greentown Lions Club, and was also a former member of the Kokomo Elks Lodge No. 190.

He had served as a school board member for Eastern Howard School Corp.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Stephen and Carly David of Isle of Palms, S.C., and Jan David of Kendallville; five grandchildren, Bryant and Zachary David of Tampa, Fla., and Baltimore, Md., Andrew David and Nicholas and Katie David, all of Auburn, and Rocky David of Kendallville; three brothers-in-law and their spouses, Frank Conway and Joe and Nida Bryant, all of Greentown and Francis and Anne Smith of Port Charolet, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1965 and his mother in 1993; a sister, Madonna Conway, and a daughter-in-law, Jo Ann David.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Greentown. Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Hasler-Slone Funeral Home, Greentown.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Greentown.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church, Greentown, or the American Heart Association.

Luna Hicks

KENDALLVILLE — Luna Hicks, 82, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks had worked at various factories including Essex Wire, Lyle Electric and Cooper Tire in Auburn.

She enjoyed sewing, quilting, cooking and gardening.

Mrs. Hicks was a member of Salem United Baptist Church near Rome City.

She was born Oct. 28, 1921, in Magoffin County, Ky., to Ashford and Illant (Bailey) Smith. On Feb. 13, 1946, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Leonard Hicks. He died June 11, 1994.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Gary and Annie Hicks of Kansas City, Mo., Leonard and Mickie Hicks of Kendallville, and Samuel Hicks of LaGrange; a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Thomas Stewart of Huntington Beach, Calif.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Vanderpool of Hippo, Ky., and Marie and Buford Shepherd of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Claude Smith, and two sisters, Ida Shepherd and Ruby Smith.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Bill Tuttle and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery at Brimfield.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Salem United Baptist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James Nilan

LIGONIER — James E. Nilan, 77, of Ligonier and formerly of Washington Court House, Ohio, died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home of Ligonier.

Mr. Nilan had retired after 25 years as the owner of Nilan Plumbing of Greenfield, Ohio. He had worked 21 years at Pennington Bakery of Washington Court House. He served in the United States Army from 1946 to 1947. He was a life member of the VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed woodworking and yard work.

Mr. Nilan was born Jan. 26, 1927, in Wilmington, Ohio, to James F. and Lydia C. (Huffman) Nilan. On June 29, 1948, in New Burlington, Ohio, he married Helen Simmons. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Newland of Cromwell; a son, James E. Nilan of Lake Worth, Fla.; a sister, Mary Nilan of Greenfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There are no services or calling.

Burial will take place at a later date at Washington Court House.

Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Muzetta Guymon

FORT WAYNE — Muzetta M. Guymon, 90, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Miss Guymon had lived at the Towne House in Fort Wayne in 1997.

She was a 1932 graduate of Kendallville High School and received her master's degree at Indiana University. She completed one year toward her doctorate. She taught school three years at Monon and 10 years at Bloomington, and taught home economics for 30 years at New Castle Chrysler High School at New Castle.

Miss Guymon was a past president of the Kendallville BPW, a DAR regent, and a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma in Kendallville and Tri Kappa in Kendallville.

She was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

She was born May 20, 1914, in Windfall, Ind., to Oren O. "Pop" and Virginia A. (DeWitt) Guymon.

Surviving are a niece, Patricia (McMillian) Kissinger of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Her parents and a sister, Frances McMillan, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. There is no calling.

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Dorothy Hall

ALTONA — Dorothy C. Hall, 89, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at 10:15 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had resided for six months.

Mrs. Hall

Mrs. Hall was a longtime resident of Altona before moving to Avilla. She worked in the engineering office at Electric Motors & Specialties in Garrett for 25 years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

Born Nov. 7, 1914, in Auburn, she was the daughter of Curtis E. and Anna (Armstrong) Warstler. On August 20, 1932, in Auburn, she married Wilford W. Hall. He died in 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Hall of Douglasville, Ga.; a son-in-law, Bob Walt of Rome City; a half-brother, Bill Coak of Butler; three granddaughters and their husbands, Patrice and Neil Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela Walt-Williams of Fort Wayne, and Paula and Randy Belice of Chicago; two sisters, Edith Hershberger of Auburn and Juanita Gronau of Fort Wayne; five great-granddaughters, Katie Whitesell of Ligonier, Anny Whitesell of Fort Wayne, and Tierra Williams, Janel Williams and Chenea Williams, all of Fort Wayne; two great-grandsons, Zachary Whitesell of Springfield, Mo., and Cody Whitesell of Syracuse; and two great-great-grandchildren, Ajada Johnson and Acacia Dial, both of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Walt, and a sister, Marie Hand.

L. Iris Grate

AUBURN — L. Iris Grate, 91, of Auburn died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home.

She was a homemaker and a former employee of Auburn Rubber Co. and Rieke Corp., retiring from Rieke in 1977.

She was born Sept. 7, 1912, in Garrett to Floyd and Leonie Mae (Camp) Foltz.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Duane Lee and Rose Grate of Waterloo; six grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren and one stepgreat-great-granddaughter.

Preceding her in death were her parents and a son, Stanley D. Grate.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with burial in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Ray Barner

FORT WAYNE — Ray A. Barner, 85, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Barner retired in 1985 after 43 years of service with Perfection Biscuit Co. He was a member of Forest Park United Methodist Church. He was the past treasurer of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and a member of the United Methodist Congress for the Deaf.

Mr. Barner attended Kansas School of the Deaf in 1926 and the Indianapolis School of the Deaf in 1940. He was co-editor of the "Silent Link" newsletter from 1973 to 1998.

He was born Oct. 24, 1918, in Keystone, Ind.

His wife, Marjorie, whom he married in 1952, survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Christine Krock of LaOtto; a sister, Lois Sandis of Arizona; two stepsisters, Dortha Yost of Fort Wayne and Donna Furlon of Massachusetts; two grandsons, Louise Krock Jr. and Christopher Krock; a great-granddaughter, Sidney Krock; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Lee Barner.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Barner family.

Ronald Gearhart

FORT WAYNE — Ronald L. Gearhart, 68, a former Auburn resident, died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at 4:20 p.m. in Golden Years Retirement Homestead Nursing Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gearhart worked as a manager at Equifax in Fort Wayne for 33 years, retiring in November 1992. He was a member of the Auburn Church of Christ and a supply minister and elder in the church. He also was a member of Toastmasters of Fort Wayne, and served on the board of directors of Golden Years Retirement Homestead.

Mr. Gearhart was very active with the Auburn Little League and the Boy Scouts.

Born Jan. 5, 1936 in Fort Wayne, he was the son of Claude D. and Marian (Spurling) Gearhart. On Sept. 20, 1958 in Garrett, he married Darla A. Diehl. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and one daughter-in-law, Jed Gearhart of Auburn, Brett and Deborah Gearhart of Hershey, Pa., and Eric Gearhart of South Bend; a brother, Norman Gearhart of Camarillo, Calif.; a sister, Louann Gearhart of Kansas City, Kan.; one granddaughter, Taylor Gearhart of South Bend; and three grandsons, Isaiah Gearhart, Micah Gearhart and Joshua Gearhart, all of Hershey, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Blake E. Gearhart, and a stillborn son.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ with John A. Scott and Tom Garman officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, and Wednesday from noon to 1 p.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Golden Years Homestead, Heartland Hospice, Alzheimer's Association Research or the Auburn Church of Christ.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Elizabeth Beeching

FORT WAYNE — Elizabeth E. Beeching, 84, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at her residence.

Mrs. Beeching was a homemaker and a native of Fort Wayne. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles L. Beeching Jr. of Fort Wayne, and Richard and Elaine Beeching of Granger; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joan and Larry Thayer and Jeanette and Max A. Troutner, all of Fort Wayne; one grandson, Mike Beeching; nine additional grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Leta Strong of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Alta Crall of Fort Wayne.

Her husband, Charles Beeching, preceded her in death in 1977.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church.

James Kucher

FORT WAYNE — James L. Kucher, 77, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Kucher was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a graduate of Indiana University. He retired in 1991 from WKJG after 26 years as an account executive. He also had worked as a real estate broker and as the sales manager for WANE radio.

He was a member of St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church and the American Legion, Lincoln Post 82.

He was born Dec. 8, 1926, in Fort Wayne to Paul C. and Estella (Beck) Kucher.

Surviving are his wife, Billie Jo Kucher, an Auburn native; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul K. and Kelly Kucher of Columbus, Ohio; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Joe Lauritsen of Columbia City and Kelly and Adam Jump of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Nathan Jump, Ryan Kucher and Brennen Kucher; and a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and Ken Hamilton of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. John Lutheran Cemetery, with military honors.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association or Visiting Nurse & Hospice.

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Alma Dirr

FORT WAYNE — Alma Rae McLain Dirr, 99, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Lutheran Homes.

She was retired from Hutner's Paris, where she was a sales clerk.

A native of Fort Wayne, she was a long-time member of St. Paul United Methodist Church on Lombard Street.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Gene L. and Garnet Dirr of Garrett and Larry A. and Phyllis Dirr of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Wanda Carpenter of Fort Wayne and Bonnie and Wayne Creager of Garrett; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Claud and Betty McLain of Rogers, Minn., and Gaylon and Frances McLain of Sweet Home, Ore.; 19 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 15 stepgreat-grandchildren, 10 great-great-grandchildren and 19 stepgreat-great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Roy L. Dirr, who died in 1968, a brother, Robert McLain, a sister, Violet Hagerman, and a grandson, G. Leslie Dirr Jr.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E, New Haven. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lutheran Homes or Heartland Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to clarify information about survivors.*

Wallace Reed

AUBURN — Wallace Wilson Reed, 68, of Auburn died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Reed worked for Dana-Weatherhead Corp. in Antwerp, Ohio, for 23 years, retiring in 1989. He was a veteran of the Korean conflict, serving with the U.S. Navy on the USS Hornet. He was a member of the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

He was born Aug. 9, 1935, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Raymond and Opal (Singleton) Reed. His father preceded him in death. His mother survives in Auburn. He married Grace Cluster in Butler on April 4, 1959. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Larry Reed of Butler, Danny Reed of Auburn and Robert and Julie Reed of Avondale, Ariz.; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny and Ted Congleton of Corunna; a sister, Charlotte Feller of Auburn; and a grandson, Isaac Reed.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Butler Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to the Butler Church of the Nazarene.

William Booth

WILLARD, Ohio — William J. Booth Jr., 47, of Willard, Ohio, died Friday, July 2, 2004, at his home after a brief battle with cancer.

Mr. Booth lived in Garrett for nine years, before moving to Willard 15 years ago. He was an engineer with the CSX Railroad. He enjoyed fishing in Canada, boating and skiing. He was a great friend to many.

He was born March 2, 1957. in Toledo, Ohio.

Surviving are two sons, Alex Stebing and Sean Booth-Stebing, both of Garrett, his mother, Charlene Ewing of Sun City, Ariz., three brothers, Bud B. Baranek of Hudson, Bradley M. Booth of Akron, Ohio, and Jack Neal of Boca Raton, Fla.; a sister, Nancy Schneider of Ventura, Calif.; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William J. Booth Sr., and a brother, Thomas Neal.

A memorial service will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 25 West Perry St., Willard, Ohio, with Father Melvin Verhoff officiating.

Memorials are to Stein Hospice, 1200 Sycamore Line, Sandusky, OH 44870.

Secor Funeral Home in Willard, Ohio, is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Kuhn

FREMONT — Richard Allen "Butch" Kuhn, 57, of Fremont died Sunday, July 4, 2004.

He was a printer and pressman for Wise Business Forms in Fort Wayne for 14 years and a realtor with Bayview Realty. He had resided in Steuben County since 1965, after moving from Sturgis, Mich.

He was born Feb. 19, 1947, in Sturgis to Richard L. and Vera (Lower) Kuhn. On Sept. 30, 1965, he married Connie DeLancey, and she survives in Fremont.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Todd Allen and Lorie Kuhn of Angola; a daughter, Kimberlee Renee Edwards of Winchester, Va.; his father and stepmother, Richard Lee and Ester Kuhn of LaGrange; a brother and sister-in-law, Douglas Kent and Linda Kuhn of LaGrange; three grandsons; and his grandmother, Caroline Lower of LaGrange.

His mother preceded him in death.

Services will be Wednesday at 1 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County. Memorials are to an organization of the donor's choice.

Janet Rowe

HUNTINGTON — Janet Rowe, 62, of Huntington died Saturday, July 3, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Huntington.

She worked at the Community Shelter Workshop for 10 years and was a member of Immanual Lutheran Church in Avilla.

She was born Feb. 10, 1942, in Auburn, to Dale and LaVerne Bowman. Her mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Terry McMaken of Garrett; a sister, Jean Schaffer of Auburn; her ex-husband, Billy Rowe of Auburn; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, a brother, Jerry Bowman, and a sister, Joann Bowman.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in the Sedan Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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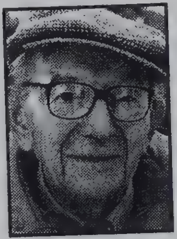
Earl Sharrow

RUTLAND, Vt. — Former longtime Angola resident Earl Joseph Sharrow, 94, of Rutland died Monday, July 5, 2004, at Rutland Regional Medical Center after a very brief illness.


Mr. Sharrow

Mr. Sharrow was born April 26, 1910, in Monessen, Pa., the first of five children of Franklin Earl and Jane Saphira (Blackburn) Sharrow. Upon high school graduation, he followed his Blackburn uncles to work as a laborer in the Cleveland steel mills.

In 1936 he graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in foreign trade and married his next door neighbor and childhood friend, Marjorie Lou Kidney, who survives.

Starting out as a field representative for H.J. Heinz selling canned goods and condiments to saloons and CCC camps, he later worked for food brokerages in Columbus and Cleveland, Ohio. In 1947 he and Marge moved to her family's home community, Angola, where they spent the majority of their married life.

In Angola he operated two businesses, one of which was a self-service laundry. In 1961 he was hired as director of placement and extended services at Tri-State College in Angola, where he worked until his retirement.

He and Marge then became travel agents and began traveling worldwide. For their last adventure in 2002 they moved from Angola to Rutland to be near their son, Gregory.

Throughout his lifetime Earl was involved with the Congregational Church, serving in every capacity from church moderator to Sunday school superintendent. He was also active in the Masonic orders including the Scottish Rite and the Pokagon Shrine Club, of which he was a charter member.

He was a longtime Rotary member and was president of the Angola Rotary Club in the 1950s. During his years at the Tri-State, he took a leadership role in the Midwest College Placement Association, serving for many years as officer and committee chair.

Also surviving are a daughter-in-law, Beth Sharrow of Sterling Heights, Mich.; a son and his civil union partner, Gregory Sharrow and Robert Hooker of Pittsford, Vt.; two sisters, Lois Hagan and Ethel Phillips, both of Cleveland; eight grandchildren, Amy Joyce, Eve Kaltz, Scott Sharrow, Kathryn Line, Madeline Sharrow, Olivia Sharrow, Siobhan Henry-Hooker, and Elizabeth Henry-Hooker; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his son Douglas; a brother, Robert and a sister, Nelda San Jule.

Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Pittsford Congregational Church. Calling will be on Friday from 6-8 p.m. at the Sharrow home, 239 Grove St., Rutland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made for nursing scholarships addressed to the Rutland Health Foundation, RRMC Nursing Education, 98 Allen St., Rutland, Vt. 05701.

Arrangements are being handled by Eternal Flame Crematorium in Brattleboro, Vt.

Paul Williams

BRONSON, Mich. — Services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, for Paul Williams, 81, of Bronson, who died on Tuesday, July 6, 2004.

Mr. Williams was born Aug. 4, 1922. He died at his residence.

Geraldine Sauder

FORT WAYNE — Geraldine Sauder, 85, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at her residence.

She had retired from K&L Honda and was a member of Grabill Church.

Surviving are her husband, Kenneth Sauder of Fort Wayne; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn and Larry Jacquay of Spencerville and Joyce Blackburn of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Langely of Fort Wayne and Eileen Shidler of Warren, Mich.; and a brother, Jack Bartle of Grabill.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Grabill Church.

THE NEWS SUN

JULY 7 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Calvin Grosscup Jr.

AUBURN — Calvin H. Grosscup Jr., 92, of Auburn died Wednesday, June 30, 2004, at a nursing facility in Daphne, Ala.

Mr. Grosscup was born in Buckhannon, W.Va., and was a longtime resident of Auburn, where he was involved in a number of businesses.

He worked at the Tri Angle Coal Co., which was owned by his father. With his partner, Harry Davidson, he built and operated the first bowling alley in Auburn. He owned Woodturnings Inc., which first made fish baits for the Creek Chub Bait Co. in Garrett, along with other items.

Mr. Grosscup also owned and operated Cal's Tavern, across from Auburn City Hall. He founded Grosscup Construction Co., which built numerous houses and commercial buildings. Mr. Grosscup also laid many miles of curb and gutter for Auburn and surrounding municipalities.

Mr. Grosscup will be remembered for always having a joke to tell and for his love of vintage cars. His main hobby was working on and adding to his residence on Morningstar Road.

He is survived by a son, Calvin H. Grosscup III of Ocean Springs, Miss.; four grandchildren, Sheridan Paz of Spanish Fort, Ala., Kaysia Brace of Ocean Springs; Laurie Willisson of Fairhope, Ala., and Chad Grosscup of Daphne, Ala.; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Calvin H. Grosscup Sr., his mother, Minnie (McWhorter) Grosscup, and his wife of 68 years, Mary (Shreve) Grosscup.

A funeral service took place Friday in the chapel at the Wolfe Bayview Funeral Home in Fairhope, Ala.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of local arrangements.

Coalter Longcor

GOSHEN — Coalter M. Longcor, 88, of Goshen died at 8:35 a.m. Monday, July 5, 2004, at Greencroft Health Care.

Mr. Longcor served as an investigator with the welfare department from 1968-1980. Prior to that he was an investigator with the Goshen Police Department from Dec. 15, 1941, to Sept. 30, 1962.

He was a member of City Church of the Brethren and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a Red Cross volunteer since 1988 and an active blood donor. He served on the board of Goshen General Hospital from 1965-1968 and as a Goshen Hospital Red Coat volunteer.

Mr. Longcor was born Jan. 7, 1916, in Warsaw to William and Blanch (Christy) Longcor. He lived in Goshen since 1928 and was a 1936 graduate of Goshen High School. He served in the Marine Corps in World War II.

On June 23, 1940, in Goshen, he married Katherine Ruch. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Sally and David McFarren of New Paris, Tana Brooks of Goshen, and Merry and Terry Mast of Ligonier; four sons and three daughters-in-law, William and Judy Longcor of Milford, Tone and Sineang Oy of Elkhart, Dung Pham of Elkhart, and Bryan and Amy Gunn of Goshen; 19 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Wilbur Longcor, and two sisters, Cleo Longcor and Phoebe Stouder.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with the Revs. John Tomlonson, Yvonne Riege and Tim Yoder, all of City Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in West Goshen Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

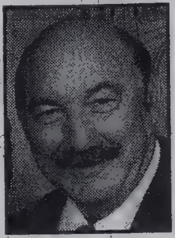
Memorials are to City Church of the Brethren.

THE NEWS SUN

JULY 7 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Larry Sneary

HUNTINGTON — Larry L. Sneary, 66, of Huntington died at 5:55 p.m. Monday, July 5, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Sneary

Mr. Sneary retired in 1996 from Navistar in Springfield, Ohio. He worked at Navistar in Fort Wayne and Springfield for more than 36 years as a quality inspector.

He was a 1956 graduate of Avilla High School where he played high school sports. He was a licensed funeral director and graduated in 1957 from the Indiana College of Mortuary Science.

Mr. Sneary was a member of St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, the 1000 Point Club with the Indiana State Basketball Association, Moose Lodge 1301 in Kendallville and the Eagles Lodge in Garrett.

He was born Jan. 18, 1938, in Lima, Ohio, to Fred and Garnet (Yeiser) Sneary. On Jan. 16, 1993, in Huntington, he married Rosanna Gunzenhauser. She survives.

Also surviving are five sons and three daughters-in-law, Larry L. Jr. and Renee Sneary of Fort Wayne, Michael T. and Erin J. Sneary of Avilla, Stanley E. Sneary of LaOtto, Douglas R. Sneary of Denver, Colo., and David E. and Kelly Sneary of Roanoke; two daughters and a son-in-law, Michelle R. Whitesell of Huntington and Beth and Tim Bowers of Huntington; and 11 grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 860 Cherry St., Huntington, with Father John Guimond officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Huntington.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 W. Park Drive, Huntington, with a rosary service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Cancer Services of Huntington County or the Huntington Police Athletic League (PAL Club) in care of the mortuary.

Gladys Butcher

COLUMBIA CITY — Gladys L. Butcher, 98, of Columbia City died at 8:10 p.m. Monday, July 5, 2004, in the emergency room at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mrs. Butcher

Mrs. Butcher lived with a daughter in Columbia City from 1997 until moving to Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City in October 2003.

She and her first husband lived in Noble County and she and her second husband lived in Rome City where she was employed for several years at Holsinger Super Market.

Mrs. Butcher was born July 15, 1905, in Bourbon, Marshall County, to Charles H. and Rosa May (DeVore) Smith. On Oct. 6, 1921, she married Orson Moore. He died March 12, 1964. On Dec. 28, 1968, she married James F. Butcher. He died July 28, 1971.

Surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Dorothy Ellen and Keith Deetz of Helmer, Lucille Butcher of LaGrange and Alta Acres of Columbia City; 23 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were three sons, William A. Moore, Orson Charles Moore and Herman Gerald Moore; a daughter, Edna May Woodard; three brothers, Charles Smith, Milo Smith and Myron Smith; and two sisters, Nellie Tidwell and Mae Tidwell.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Curtiss Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery in Rome City.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society of Whitley County.

NEAL E. EVARD

COLUMBIA CITY- Neal E. Evard, 72, a resident of Columbia City, died Thursday evening at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City where he had been a resident since September 2001.

He was born July 24, 1931 in Columbia City, Indiana, the only child of David Paul and Mary B. (Dimmick) Evard. His formative years were spent in Columbia City until seventh grade when his family moved to Bear Lake. He completed his education at Wolf Lake High School.

In 1952 he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Hawaii and Alaska during the Korean Conflict. He was honorably discharged in 1954.

On November 15, 1968, he was united in marriage to Ruth A. Hollopeter. They made their home in Green Township, Noble County for three years. In 1972 they moved to Bear Lake until 1992 when they moved to Columbia City. Mrs. Evard died May 20, 2001.

He worked at General Electric in Fort Wayne for more than 12 years, retiring in 1977. He also drove truck for Brown Gravel Company, worked for H.J. Schrader, J.I.Case in Churubusco and Liberty Mobile Homes in Syracuse.

His memberships included Wolf Lake V.F.W. #4717, Albion American Legion #246, Cromwell Masonic Lodge #705, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, Whitley County Shrine Club, Columbia City Hillbilly Clan #95 and Wolf Lake Fire Department from May 10, 1954 until 1994.

Surviving relatives include three sons, Paul Eugene Evard of Albion, Anthony Wayne Evard of Kendallville and Scott Allan Evard of Columbia City; a daughter, Theresa Marie Evard of Columbia City; three grandsons, Casey Evard, Justin Evard and Chris Evard; a granddaughter, Abby Evard.

The funeral service was held at 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, July 6, 2004 at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with pastor Dan Carlson officiating.

A Masonic Service was held at 7 p.m.Monday at the funeral home with an Indiana Volunteer Firefighter Service afterwards.

The burial in Nolt Cemetery with military honors at the cemetery.

The family of Karen Dreibelbis

would like to thank everyone for the many kind gestures we received after her passing.

We greatly appreciate all the cards, calls, visits, food, flowers/plants, memorial donations, thoughts and prayers. These type of gestures help get you through the difficult times such as we recently experienced.

Karen (our wife, mom, grandma, daughter, sister, aunt, niece, cousin and friend) was a very special person to many in this community, and it showed during her illness and passing!

Thanks again,
Duane Dreibelbis,
Karman Cornwell & Family
Kevin Dreibelbis & Family,
Phil Norris & Family

THE NEW ERA

July 7 2004 Albion, Indiana

Constance Evers

KENDALLVILLE —

Constance J. "Connie" Evers, 80, of Kendallville died Friday, July 2, 2004, at her son's home at Big Long Lake in LaGrange County.

She was the owner of Connie's Shoe Store in Kendallville, more recently known as Connie's Corner Flea Market, which she started in 1953. She was a member of Noble Chapter 122 Order of the Eastern Star and the VFW Women's Auxiliary, both in Kendallville. She was an early pioneer of the Apple Festival.

She was born Sept. 11, 1923, in Kendallville to Frank Lud Reed and Jessie (Campbell) Reed. She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941.

She is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Sharon Evers of Wolcottville; a granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Julie and Ron Olin of Morenci, Mich.; a great-grandson, Brandon Keezer of Morenci; a great-granddaughter, Kara Keezer of Morenci; a sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Marion Halferty of Albion; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Frank L. Reed Jr.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. The Rev. Dean Bearman officiated. Burial will be at a later date in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Home Health and Hospice.

Send condolences or sign the guest book at http://www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Snyder

AVILLA- Donald W. Snyder, 74, of Avilla died Tuesday, June 29, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Snyder had been a driver for six years with J.A.T. and retired in 1992.

He was a native of Auburn and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Snyder ws a member of Auburn American Legion Post 97 and St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Surviving are two daughters, Lisa K. McDaniel of Avilla and Lana J. Snyder of Fort Wayne; and a step-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arvin C. and Sylvia M. (Rathge) Snyder; his wife, Jacqueline M. (Stabe) Snyder; a son, Lynn A. Snyder, in 1987; and a brother, Russell Snyder.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home in Auburn. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery with military graveside rites by Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Society.

Dorothy C. Hall

AVILLA – Dorothy C. Hall, 89, a one year six month resident of Avilla, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla. Born Nov. 7, 1914, in Auburn, she was the daughter of Curtis E. and Anna (Armstrong) Warstler. She married Wilford W. Hall on Aug. 20, 1932, in Auburn. She worked in the engineering office at Electric Motors for 25 years, retiring in 1976.

She was a member of Garrett Eagles Auxillary.

Surviving are her daughter, Helen Hall of Douglasville, Ga.; son-in-law, Bob Walt of Rome City; half brother, Bill Coak of Butler; granddaughters, Patrice (Neil) Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela Walt-Williams of Fort Wayne and Paula (Randy) Belice of Chicago, Ill.; sisters, Edith Hershberger of Auburn and Juanita Gronau of Fort Wayne; great-granddaughter, Katie Whitesell of Ligonier; great-grandsons, Zachary Whitesell of Springfield, Mo. and Cody Whitesell of Syracuse; great-granddaughters, Anny Whitesell and Tierra, Janel and Chenea Williams, all of Fort Wayne and great-great-grandchildren, Ajada Johnson and Acacia Dial, both of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilford, in 1990; daughter, Patricia Walt; parents; and sister, Marie Hand.

Funeral service is 10 a.m. Thursday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Visitation is from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial at Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett. Condolences may be emailed to condolencethomas@skynet.net

Robert Bloom

ALTONA — Robert "Bob" L. Bloom, 79, of Altona died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at 10:42 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bloom

A lifetime Altona resident, Mr. Bloom worked for the B&O Railroad as a freight conductor for 44 years before retiring in 1987.

He was a member of the Altona Methodist Church and Garrett American Legion Post 178, a 50-year member of the Garrett Masonic Lodge, a 60-year member of the United Transportation Union and a 15-year volunteer for the City of Garrett Recycling Center. He graduated from Garrett High School in 1947.

He was born May 22, 1925, in Altona, to Joseph B. and Opal L. (Bell) Bloom. They preceded him in death.

He married Deloris M. Hippenhammer on April 26, 1947, in Altona. She survives in Altona.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Hubert A. Ashcraft of Fort Wayne; a son, Ricky L. Bloom and his companion, Trudi Aller, of Rome City; and four grandchildren, Kristopher Bloom of Columbia City, Patrick D. Bloom of Muncie, and Hubie Ashcraft and Carly Ashcraft, both of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Amanda L. Bloom.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, with the Rev. Dr. Scott Moss officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post 178.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service beginning at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the National SIDS Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Madalyn Brown

GARRETT — Madalyn Laura Brown, 85, of Bonita Springs, Fla., died Feb. 23, 2004, in Hendersonville, N.C., after an extended illness.

She was born March 25, 1918, in Cairo, Ill., to Dan and Laura Cadagan.

She had lived in Detroit and Garrett before retiring to Bonita Springs, Fla. For the past few years, she had spent summers at the home of her niece and her husband, Marcia and Riley Hardy, at Lake Lure, N.C.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Shawn Brown of Richmond Hill, Ga., and Amy Brown of Angola; and three great-grandchildren, Cameron, Caleb and Caylee Brown, all of Georgia.

Preceding her in death were a son, Stephen N. Brown, and a brother, Dan Cadagan.

Graveside services will be Thursday, July 15, at 2 p.m. in Cedar Creek Cemetery of rural Garrett. Her body has been cremated. The Rev. Dave Everly of Sonlight Community Church in Angola will officiate.

Zella Bellaire

MIDDLEBURY — Zella R. Bellaire, 94, of Middlebury died at 2:35 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at Americare Living Center in Goshen.

Mrs. Bellaire

Mrs. Bellaire moved to LaGrange County in 1936 from Sturgis, Mich. She was a homemaker and involved for 15 years with Meals on Wheels.

She was a member of LaGrange Church of Christ.

She was born Dec. 11, 1909, in Manton, Mich., to Charles and Mamie (Blanchard) Burdick. On Nov. 7, 1936, in Elkhart, she married Elmore V. Bellaire. He died June 27, 1977.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Gale Hayward of LaGrange; two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Betty Bellaire of Middlebury and Dennis and Deborah Bellaire of Three Oaks, Mich.; a sister, Betty Robison of Sturgis, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters, Thelma Hostetler and Mildred Locke; and a grandson, Jeremy Bellaire, in 1988.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to LaGrange Church of Christ.

Paul Williams

BRONSON, Mich. — Paul Edward Williams, 81, of Bronson, Mich., died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Williams was born Aug. 4, 1922, in DeKalb County to Carl Ray and Nora Dora (Hampshire) Williams. He was married to Helen Schwartzengraber on April 1, 1950. She survives.

He was a farmer. He also worked at S & K Tool in Defiance, Ohio, General Motors at Defiance and Douglas Auto in Bronson.

He was a World War II veteran. He was a member of Orland American Legion Post No. 423 in Orland. He enjoyed farming and coon hunting.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Lana and Jim Gray of Fort Wayne and Darlene Williams and Larry Van Wagner of Orland; four sons and three daughters-in-law, Lynn Williams and Jo Mast, Daryl and Valerie Williams and Ronald and Sandi Williams, all of Bronson and Rodney Williams of Coldwater, Mich.; two brothers, Richard and Donald Williams, both of Continental, Ohio; five sisters, Wilma Williams of Defiance, Dolores Wilson of Continental, Shirley Ernsberger of Waterville, Ohio, Donna Lee Leatherman of Oakwood, Ohio, and Carolyn Lee of Spencerville, Ohio; seven grandchildren, five stepgrandchildren, one great-granddaughter and five step-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Carl Wayne Williams; and three sisters, Mabel Fields, Virginia Guild and Mary Divin.

Services will be 10 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Pastor Dale Walterhouse officiating. Calling will be today from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

Burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Bronson, with military committal services conducted by members of Orland American Legion Post No. 423.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association or the Orland American Legion.

Suzanne Kaiser

FORT WAYNE — Suzanne M. (Dirig) Kaiser, 60, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at her home.

A Fort Wayne native, she was a billing clerk with Strataflo Products and a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church.

Surviving are her husband, Ronald L. Kaiser of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Anita (Schaper) Williams of Gibsonton, Fla.; two sons, Ed Schaper of Markle and Chris Schaper of Fort Wayne; three stepchildren, Charles Kaiser of Fort Wayne, Garry Kaiser of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Larry Kevin Kaiser of St. Louis, Mo.; three brothers, Mike Dirig of LaGrange, Phil Dirig of Orland and Tim Dirig of Auburn; a sister, Kathy McKown of Fremont, Ohio; and five stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial at Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home, with a rosary service at 4:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

James Nilan

LIGONIER — James E. Nilan, 77, of Ligonier and formerly of Washington Court House, Ohio, died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, July 4, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home of Ligonier.

Mr. Nilan had retired after 25 years as the owner of Nilan Plumbing of the Greenfield and Washington Court House, Ohio, areas. He had worked 21 years at Pennington Bakery of Washington Court House.

He served in the United States Army in Japan from 1946 to 1947. He was a life member of the VFW and American Legion. He enjoyed woodworking and yard work.

Mr. Nilan was born Jan. 26, 1927, in Wilmington, Ohio, to James F. and Lydia C. (Huffman) Nilan. On June 29, 1949, in New Burlington, Ohio, he married Helen Simmons. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Larry Newland of Cromwell; a son, James E. Nilan of Lake Worth, Fla.; a sister, Mary Nilan of Greenfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a great-granddaughter in 2002.

There are no local services or calling at this time.

Burial will take place at a later date at Washington Court House.

Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Karen Parker

PIONEER, Ohio — Karen Dee Parker, 66, of Pioneer, Ohio, died of an apparent heart attack on Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at her summer cottage at Marble Lake near Quincy, Mich.

Mrs. Parker was born April 29, 1938, in Amboy Township, Hillsdale County, Mich., to Delmar and Grace (Long) Shumaker. She was a lifelong resident of Pioneer.

She married Lewis L. Parker in Pioneer on Aug. 4, 1957. He survives.

She was a 1956 graduate of the former Pioneer High School (now North Central High School). She had served as Pioneer Village Clerk for 17 years. After her retirement, she was employed as an administrative assistant at the Enrichment Center near Montpelier, Ohio, for three years.

She was widely known in the tri-state area as an avid and championship bridge player, and was a member of The Life Masters of Bridge.

She was a member of the Northwest Ohio VFW Post No. 8628 of Pioneer, and had attended the Pioneer United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are a son and his friend, Lynn L. Parker and Kimberly Irvin of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; a daughter, Tammy Parker of Archbold, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Sharon and Rodney Hendricks of Pioneer; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 9 a.m. Indiana time on Saturday at the Pioneer United Methodist Church with Pastor Steven Smith, Pastor Mike Raypholtz and Pastor Laura Clark officiating. Calling will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Indiana time on Friday at Thompson Funeral Home, Pioneer.

Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Rosemarie VanZile

GARRETT — Rosemarie VanZile, 82, of Garrett died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 9:42 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. VanZile was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society.

She was born Sept. 22, 1921, in Garrett to William and Bernadette (Cogley) Dreher.

She married Meredith VanZile on Sept. 27, 1941, in Auburn. He died Jan. 20, 2002.

Surviving are three daughters, Polly Locke of Fort Wayne, Monica Parry of Indianapolis and Beth Lynch of Alpharetta, Ga.; nine granddaughters and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Novy, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Saturday at noon in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge or arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Betty Smith

SPENCERVILLE —Betty B. Smith, 77, of Spencerville died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and worked at the Defiance Welfare Department for 10 years before her retirement. She was a member of the Hicksville, Ohio, post of the American Legion.

She was born Sept. 19, 1926, in Hicksville to Earl and Leleh (DeLong) Singleton. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are seven daughters and five sons-in-law, Sharon Carpenter and Larry Blanton of Kendallville, Elia VanDyke of Spencerville, Elvia and Walter Stickney of Butler; Elda and Carl Collins of Hicksville, Elisa Castillo of Butler, Ella and Pryce Vires of Butler and Betty A. and David Stockwell of Coppers Cove, Texas; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Sidney M. Smith II and Cheryl Smith of Hicksville, Roel Y. Moreno of Hicksville and Fernando and Rachel Moreno of Wapakoneta, Ohio; 29 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren; and an aunt, Frances Hardman of Butler. She also enjoyed the company of seven Chihuahua dogs.

She was preceded in death by a brother, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville.

Calling will be Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. (all Indiana times) at the funeral home.

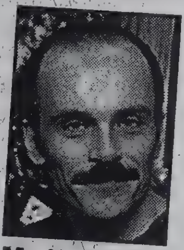
THE NEWS SUN

JULY 8 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Robert Hall Jr.

AUBURN — Robert P. Hall Jr., 42, of Auburn died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hall was employed at Cooper Tire and Rubber Co. in Auburn. He was born Sept. 30, 1961, in Garrett.



Mr. Hall

Surviving are his father, Robert P. Hall of Bellevue, Ohio; a daughter, Ashlyn Clark of Angola; a brother, William Harvey of Scranton, Pa.; two sisters, Gertrude Judson of Wolcottville and Diane Wallace of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Jacqueline (Metivier) and Hubert Bleeks, and two brothers, Harold Harvey and William Bleeks.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Douglas Barber officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Hospital for Children.

Dorain Scheurich

KENDALLVILLE — Dorain M. Scheurich, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

July 8 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Coalter Longcor

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He was a member of City Church of the Brethren and the Fraternal Order of Police. He was a Red Cross volunteer since 1988 and an active blood donor. He served on the board of Goshen General Hospital from 1965-1968 and as a Goshen Hospital Red Coat volunteer.

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Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen with the Revs. John Tomlonson, Yvonne Riege and Tim Yoder, all of City Church of the Brethren, officiating. Burial will be in West Goshen Cemetery in Goshen.

James E. Nilan

LIGONIER — James E. Nilan, 77, formerly of Washington Court House, Ohio, died at 12:15 a.m. Sunday, July 4 at Avalon Village Nursing Home, Ligonier.

He was born Jan. 26, 1927, in Clinton County, Ohio, to James F. and Lydia C. (Huffman) Nilan.

On June 29, 1949, he married Helen Simmons in New Burlington, Ohio.

A veteran of the United States Army, he served in Japan from 1946 to 1947.

He had retired after over 25 years as the owner of Nilan Plumbing in the Washington Court House and Greenfield, Ohio areas; he had also worked 21 years at Pennington Bakery, Washington Court House, Ohio.

He was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion.

He enjoyed woodworking and yard work.

He is survived by his wife; a daughter, Nancy (Larry) Newland, Cromwell; a son, James E. Nilan, Lake Worth, Fla.; a sister, Mary Nilan, Greenfield, Ohio; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

A great-granddaughter preceded him in death in 2000.

There will be no local services or viewing.

Burial will take place in Washington Court House, Ohio at a later date.

Orr Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday, today, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to City Church of the Brethren.

Dorothy Hall

ALTONA — Dorothy C. Hall, 89, died Sunday, July 4, 2004, at 10:15 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, where she had resided for six months.

Mrs. Hall was a longtime resident of Altona before moving to Avilla. She worked in the engineering office at Electric Motors & Specialties in Garrett for 25 years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles Auxiliary.

Born Nov. 7, 1914, in Auburn, she was the daughter of Curtis E. and Anna (Armstrong) Warstler. On August 20, 1932, in Auburn, she married Wilford W. Hall. He died in 1990.

Surviving are a daughter, Helen Hall of Douglasville, Ga.; a son-in-law, Bob Walt of Rome City; a half-brother, Bill Coak of Butler; three granddaughters and their husbands, Patrice and Neil Whitesell of Ligonier, Pamela Walt-Williams of Fort Wayne, and Paula and Randy Belice of Chicago; two sisters, Edith Hershberger of Auburn and Juanita Gronau of Fort Wayne; five great-granddaughters, Katie Whitesell of Ligonier, Anny Whitesell of Fort Wayne, and Tierra Williams, Janel Williams and Chenea Williams, all of Fort Wayne; two great-grandsons, Zachary Whitesell of Springfield, Mo., and Cody Whitesell of Syracuse; and two great-great-grandchildren, Ajada Johnson and Acacia Dial, both of Fort Wayne.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Patricia Walt, and a sister, Marie Hand.

Services were this morning in Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial was in Christian Union Cemetery in rural Garrett.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net

Marjorie Anderson

AUBURN — Marjorie L. Anderson, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at her home in Wesley Park Apartments.

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson retired from Cooper Industrial Products of Auburn in 1980 and regularly attended the Cooper retirees' monthly gatherings. She attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and was a member of the Ener-Jet Home Demonstration Club and a Red Hat Doozie.

She was born Sept. 22, 1920, in Ambia to Roy L. and Opal L. (Davis) Bryant. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 19, 1939, in Crown Point she married Donald E. Anderson. He died Dec. 28, 1977.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith L. and Cindy Anderson of Auburn and Michael D. and Deb Anderson of Butler; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn L. and Larry Dove of Butler, Shirley R. and Paul Batty of Auburn, and Barbara J. and Randy Reinhart of Nelson, Mo.; a brother, Phillip J. Gilbert of Gardner, Ill.; 17 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean F. Bryant and Merrill L. Bryant; and a sister, Carolyn M. Earley.

Services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Church or Heartland Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Fannie Fry

SHIPSHEWANA — Fannie Fry, 92, of Shipshewana died at 12:05 p.m. Thursday at LaGrange Community Hospital. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Fry was a homemaker and a member of Old Order Amish Church.

She enjoyed flowers, gardening and making quilts with her husband, Daniel. The couple spent 20 winters at Pine Craft in Sarasota, Fla.

She was born June 17, 1912, in Wild Horse, Colo., the daughter of Jacob J. and Anna (Schrock) Gingerich. On Dec. 22, 1936, in Shipshewana she married Daniel A. Fry. He died Aug. 24, 1994.

Surviving are four sisters and brothers-in-law, Mandy and Levi Jones, Emma and Levi Schrock, Elizabeth and LeRoy Miller, and Ella and Albert Schrock, all of Shipshewana; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Ezra Gingerich of Shipshewana, Mose and Katie Gingerich of Goshen, and Ola Fry of Topeka; and many nieces and nephews.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Ura Gingerich and a sister, Ida Miller.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Ervin Raber residence, 155 Union St., Shipshewana, with Bishop Jerry Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in East Barrens Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. today and 2-8 p.m. Saturday at the Raber residence.

Dorain Scheurich

KENDALLVILLE — Dorain Mae "Dottie" Scheurich, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Scheurich

Mrs. Scheurich had been a real estate agent with with Grady Realty for 15 years and had been a waitress at several local restaurants including the Publix Cafe and Galloway's Restaurant.

She was a member of the Church of God and had taught Sunday school.

She was born Dec. 30, 1920, in Kendallville the daughter of Harry Rolland and Gertrude (Kirkpatrick) Bower. On Aug. 31, 1946, in Avilla she married Glenn Raymond Scheurich. He died April 11, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Norbert Franks of Kendallville, Sharon Miller of Kendallville, and Barbara and Mark Mead of Corunna; a son, Glenn Scheurich Jr. of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty Hastings of Albion, Ida Hewitt of Kendallville, and Joy Wells of Fort Wayne; seven grandsons, Mark and Kevin Franks, Chad Grady, Shaun Miller, and Shannon, Matthew and Nathan Wineland; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Robert Nusbaum

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Robert A. Nusbaum, 93, of Sherwood, Ohio, died Thursday, July 8, 2004.

Mr. Nusbaum was born Aug. 29, 1910, in Temperence, Mich., to John T. and Therese (Hasselschwert) Nusbaum. He was the last surviving of their 11 children.

He was a graduate of Ypsilanti Teacher's College in Michigan, and was a former seminarian. He became a teacher and taught at Bullock School in Michigan. In 1934, he married Alice O'Brien, who preceded him in death. In 1980, he married Helen (Pat) Simon Nusbaum, who survives.

He later moved to Ohio, where he became a farmer and an active member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, The Bend, Ohio.

Also surviving are eight children and their spouses, Robert J. and Julie Nusbaum of Ney, Ohio, Neil E. and Judy Nusbaum of Angola, James P. and Roseann Nusbaum of Sherwood, Phillip J. and Phyllis Nusbaum of Centerville, Mich., Mary Alice and Robert Hulbert of Defiance, Ohio, William P. and Judi Nusbaum of Burlington, Ontario, Canada, Paul T. and Judy Nusbaum of Sherwood and Ellen A. Simonis of Sherwood; three stepchildren and their spouses, Mary Ann Hauenstein of Lima, Ohio, Jane and Leonard Dewitt of Elkhart and J. Michael and Sandy Simon of Defiance; 36 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; and 22 stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Annamarie; a great-grandson, Daniel; and a stepson, Thad Simon.

Services will be 10 a.m. Indiana time on Monday at St. Stephen's Catholic Church, The Bend, with the Revs. David Tscherne, William Martin, Louis Komorowski and Don Mueller officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 1 to 8 p.m. Indiana time at Burr Funeral Home, Sherwood, with a rosary service at 7 p.m.

Burial will be in St. Stephen's Cemetery.

Memorials are to Society for the Propagation of Faith, the American Macular Degeneration Foundation, or the charity of the donor's choice.

Robert Bloom

ALTONA — The Rev. Richard Pickard will officiate at Saturday's funeral services for Robert "Bob" L. Bloom, 79, of Altona.

Mr. Bloom

Mr. Bloom died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at 10:42 a.m. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett with military graveside rites conducted by American Legion Post 178.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Masonic service beginning at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the National SIDS Foundation.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to list an additional survivor.*

Rosemarie VanZile

GARRETT — Rosemarie VanZile, 82, of Garrett died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at 9:42 p.m. in St. Joseph Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mrs. VanZile was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Garrett. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society.

She was born Sept. 22, 1921, in Garrett to William and Bernadette (Cogley) Dreher.

She married Meredith VanZile on Sept. 27, 1941, in Auburn. He died Jan. 20, 2002.

Surviving are a son, Dan VanZile of Hallandale Beach, Fla.; three daughters, Polly Locke of Fort Wayne, Monica Parry of Indianapolis and Beth Lynch of Alpharetta, Ga.; nine granddaughters and one great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Joan Novy, in addition to her parents and husband.

Services will be Saturday at noon in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Father Thom Lombardi will officiate. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at the church.

Memorials are to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett is in charge or arrangements.

Condolences may be sent by e-mail to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Harold Diederich

AUBURN — Harold M. Diederich, 76, of Auburn died Thursday, July 8, 2004, at 9:50 a.m. in Wesley Healthcare of Auburn.

Mr. Diederich was a lifetime resident of the area. He worked at Electric Motors in Garrett for 25 years, at Foamex in Auburn for 12 1/2 years and as a greeter at Wal-Mart in Auburn for the past eight years. He was a member of Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 10, 1927, in Garrett to Frank and Edith (Schunk) Diederich. They preceded him in death.

He married Flora B. Jackson on Dec. 16, 1978, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, David Simpson of Garrett; a daughter, Deloris Blauser of Auburn; a sister, Elinor Kyte of Flagstaff, Ariz.; seven grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Don Diederich.

Services will be Monday at 2 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. The Rev. Thomas P. Speidel will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Monday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home to help with funeral expenses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Keith Birkhold

FORT WAYNE — Keith E. Birkhold, 70, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Birkhold had retired in 1991 from Zollners after 27 years of service.

He was a native of Kendallville and graduated from Central Catholic High School. He had attended Indiana University and was a U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Birkhold enjoyed gardening, cycling and was an avid reader.

On June 13, 1959, in Fort Wayne he married Jo Ann Connett. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Kathleen Gulik of Chicago and Denise Ferguson of Arlington, Va.; a brother, Richard Birkhold of Fort Wayne; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Christopher, in 1981.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Memorials are to Parkview Hospice.

Arrangements are by Northeast Indiana Cremation Society.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with a corrected spelling of a survivor's name.*

Marjorie Anderson

AUBURN — Marjorie L. Anderson, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at her home in Wesley Park Apartments.

Mrs. Anderson retired from Cooper Industrial Products of Auburn in 1980 and regularly attended the Cooper retirees' monthly gatherings. She attended New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo and was a member of the Ener-Jet Home Demonstration Club and a Red Hat Doozie.

Mrs. Anderson

She was born Sept. 22, 1920, in Ambia to Roy L. and Opal L. (Davis) Bryant. They preceded her in death.

On Dec. 19, 1939, in Crown Point she married Donald E. Anderson. He died Dec. 28, 1977.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Keith L. and Cindy Anderson of Auburn and Michael D. and Deb Anderson of Butler; three daughters and sons-in-law, Kathryn L. and Larry Dove of Butler, Shirley R. and Paul Beatty of Auburn, and Barbara J. and Randy Reinhart of Nelson, Mo.; a brother, Phillip J. Gilbert of Gardner, Ill.; 17 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dean F. Bryant and Merrill L. Bryant; and a sister, Carolyn M. Earley.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Hope Christian Church or Heartland Hospice in Fort Wayne.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Luna Hicks** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Billy Ray Tuttle and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Steve Hicks, Jeff Hicks, Randy Hicks, Kenney Hicks, Bill Needham and Nathan Bottjer.

KENDALLVILLE — Graveside services for **Muzetta M. Guymon** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. David Hogsett officiating. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ROME CITY — Services for **Ralph P. Hartman** were held at 2:30 p.m. July 2 at St. Gasper Catholic Church with Father Matt Jozefiak officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were members of the Orange Township Fire Department in Rome City.

Edward Walburn

CROMWELL — Edward G. Walburn, 83, of rural Cromwell died at 1:05 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He had been an engineer with the state highway department and was a surveyor.

Mr. Walburn was a 40-year member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, a member of the Wolf Lake VFW, West Noble American Legion, Cromwell Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine, and Indian Village United Methodist Church. He enjoyed collecting and repairing antique furniture and farming, and he loved to recite poetry.

He was born March 14, 1921, in Green Township of Noble County to Otto and Beulah Mae (Wright) Walburn, and he lived his entire life in Noble County.

On Oct. 1, 1944, in Norman, Okla., he married Norma Jean Deisler. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Cindy Walburn of Cromwell; three grandchildren, Peter Myers, Molly Faber and Joe Walburn; and three great-grandchildren, Madeline, Elisa and Amelia Faber.

Preceding him in death were a son, David; and two sisters, Leonora and Lionana.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, 705 S. Main St., Ligonier, with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial will be at Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Indian Village United Methodist Church or the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

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Robert Crowell

HUNTERTOWN — Robert O. "Bob" Crowell, 71, of Huntertown, died at 7:40 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at University Park Nursing Center in Fort Wayne.

He was a driver for Kenosha Auto Transport. He was a U.S. Army veteran who served in Korea, and he attended Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Mr. Crowell was born Feb. 4, 1933, in Sidney to Albert and Rhoda (Rockey) Crowell.

He married Vivian Salmon Sept. 11, 1959, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Susan Crowell of Huntertown; two grandchildren, Katherine Crowell and Matthew Crowell, both of Huntertown; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and two sisters, Blanche Crowell and Mary Smallback.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Orr Funeral Home, Churubusco, with burial at Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Huntertown United Methodist Church.

Annette Schuhler

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Annette Jones Schuhler, 57, died Thursday, July 8, 2004, at Henry Mayo New Hall Memorial Hospital in Santa Clarita.

She was a native of Churubusco, Ind., and formerly lived at Traverse City, Mich.

She was the daughter of the late Everett R. and Thelma (Neuhaus) Jones of Churubusco.

Surviving are her husband, Robert H. Schuhler; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Andy and Natalie Schuhler of Castaic, Calif., and Timothy Schuhler of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; a daughter and son-in-law, Beth Ann and Robert Haeske of Milan, Mich.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Chuck and Barbara Jones of Columbia City and David and Sharon Jones of Churubusco; a sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and James Crowe of Bloomington, Ind.; and four grandchildren.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Condolences may be sent to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com

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Patricia Westerman

AUBURN — Patricia M. (Walter) Westerman, 83, of Auburn died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Born in Montpelier, Ohio, she was a teacher in Bryan, Ohio, schools for 27 years and a member of the Ohio State Teachers Association and Alpha Delta Sorority.

She was a graduate of Bryan High School in 1939 and received a bachelor of science degree from Bowling Green State University.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Bill Zwieg of Indianapolis; and two grandchildren, Sara Zwieg of California and David Zwieg of Fort Wayne.

Services will be today at 3 p.m. with calling from 2 to 3 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

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Teen's parents remember choir trips fondly

BY BILL GISEL

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AUBURN — Like any teenager, Jessica Otterstedt, 17, enjoyed the freedom that came with having a driver's license and spending time with her friends.

She was driving to visit a friend on Saturday night, June 26, when her car crashed into another car on C.R. 28 near Corunna, and she was killed.

Her parents, Christian and Stella Otterstedt, came to Auburn in 1983. Christian works as a chemist with Cooper-Standard Automotive.

"Jessica was the only Hoosier," her father said. "I am from New York, and her mother is from New Jersey; Jess was born here in 1987." An older brother, Kenneth, lives in Indianapolis, and older sister Melissa is at home when not attending Manchester College.

"We were more like a family of three," Otterstedt said, with Jessica's siblings away at college for much of her life.

She was close to her many friends. (She had "tons" of them, her dad said.) "But she had more guy friends than girls," her parents pointed out.

At Jessica's 17th birthday party on June 8, "there were eight or nine boys, and only four or five girls," Otterstedt said. Jessica's mom cooked hamburgers and hot dogs, but then the group was off to Fort Wayne for entertainment and later played cards.

"What can you say about someone who is here for such a short time?" her father asked. "Every child is special — she loved life."

Jessica was a Girl Scout at an early age and developed a love for horses. She also loved her golden retriever, Libby, who replaced an earlier pet of the same breed. Her parents recalled a videotape of Jessica reading a story to her first dog when she was 6 or 7 years old.

When her pet died, Jessica was devastated, and her father tried to comfort her.

"She had always wanted a cat, and I am allergic to them, but I told her maybe it was time for a cat," he said. Instead, she opted for another retriever.

As a freshman at DeKalb High School, Jessica decided she wanted to be "a flag person" in the marching band. Her brother and sister had played in the band, but Jessica wanted to be in the guard.

Otterstedt explained that when Jessica tired of being constantly hit in the head, she turned her interest to the concert choir. Later, she was accepted in the Sound Sensation show choir, "and she was so happy — she was on top of the world," her dad said.

Throughout her junior year at DeKalb High School, Jessica was followed by one or both of her parents to each choir competition.

"Those are some of our best memories," Mrs. Otterstedt said.

Otterstedt said his daughter was a good student. "She was a 'B' student, not perfect," he said.

Originally, Jessica had wanted a career as a veterinarian.

"She and I talked careers not that long ago," her dad said. "Most recently, she talked of teaching." They had visited Ball State as a potential college and would have visited Purdue during her senior year. Her best friend, Sheila Bonkoski, is planning to attend Purdue.

Jessica talked to her dad about her boyfriends, too, Otterstedt said.

"I won't deny that we had our differences, like any father and daughter," he admitted. "But we always made up, and she always said, 'I love you.'"

Mrs. Otterstedt emphasized how much her daughter loved show choir.

"She loved dressing up ... the nice clothes ... the make-up," she said. Shelly Johnson, the show choir director, held a special place in her daughter's heart, she added.

During Jessica's funeral at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, Johnson and girls from the show choir sang "You'll Never Walk Alone."

"They were wonderful," Mrs. Otterstedt said.

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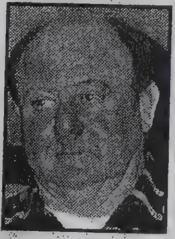
Jessica Otterstedt wears one of the dresses used by DeKalb High School's Sound Sensation girls' show choir. She helped the choir to its most successful season in history during her junior year, when it won six grand championships.

Carl Lindeman

CROOKED LAKE — Carl E. Lindeman, 58, of Crooked Lake, died at 3 a.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at his home. He had been in failing health for the past two months.



Mr. Lindeman

Mr. Lindeman worked at Hires Auto Parts for 21 years, and was the store manager for 10 years. He also was employed at Rome City Auto Parts for two years and later established Lindeman's Pontoon Repair in Wolf Lake, owning and operating the business for many years.

He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4717 in Wolf Lake and the American Legion post in Avilla. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on March 3, 1966, and served as a security policeman in the 317th Squadron. He was honorably discharged Dec. 19, 1969.

He spent his formative years in Fort Wayne, where he attended Catholic schools for 11 years and graduated from Central High School.

He was born Nov. 25, 1945, in Fort Wayne to Wilbur F. and Velma (Stoddard) Lindeman. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary L. (Nahrwold) Crumpacker on Dec. 15, 1973. After first living in Fort Wayne, they moved to Big Lake, and resided there until 1984, when they moved to Crooked Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a stepson, Dwight E. Crumpacker of Fort Wayne; five grandsons; a great-granddaughter; four brothers, Robert Lindeman, William Lindeman and John Lindeman, all of Fort Wayne, and Richard Lindeman of New York; and a sister, Norma Grable of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death was a sister, Donna Fudge.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City. Father Daniel Leeuw will officiate. Burial will be at Thorn Cemetery in Ormas.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

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Mr. Sharrow was a gentleman, entertainer

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RUTLAND, Vt. — Mere days before he died, Earl Sharrow, though bedridden, refused to miss out on a party that was going on.

In fact, Earl was in his room with a glass of wine, and every now and again, he'd yell out a toast.

But that's the kind of man he'd always been.

Earl Joseph Sharrow, 94, died Monday — just days after the two-year anniversary of his move to Rutland from Angola, where he had lived the majority of his life — a week and a half after he was diagnosed with metastasized bone cancer.

Earl had relocated to Rutland with his wife, Marge, so the couple could be closer to their son, Greg.

The couple had lived in Angola from 1947 until their move to Vermont in 2002. Earl was a well-known businessman in Angola, operating two businesses, the Angola Frozen Locker and a self-service laundry.

Earl and Marge had been married for 68 years. She remembered her husband as "a gentleman, always ready to entertain people." The Sharrows loved to have parties, and Greg said when he was young, his parents included him without hesitation into their social circle — a favor he was only too happy to repay decades later.

"My parents are both extremely gregarious," Greg said. "They're very outgoing and social. And now, we've woven them into our social life, and they're the toast of our parties."

Earl's daughter-in-law, Beth, is the widow of the Sharrow's son Doug. She said if she had to pick one word to describe Earl, it would be "appropriate."

"He was a gentleman, he was polite, and he was understanding," Beth said. "He was Papa to all of us."

Greg said he remembers his parents traveling through many different social circles — from Angola's socialite scene in the 1950s to the intellectual, university crowd his father worked with at Tri-State University in the 1960s to their retirement when they would play euchre with retired farmers.

"They found people of all backgrounds and cultures interesting," Greg said. "When I came home, they might have a Chinese couple over for dinner. Or someone who'd lived in Angola their whole life. Or some kid. You just couldn't tell. There was no consistency. It was always an interesting mix."

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Marge and Earl Sharrow were all smiles last Christmas after making it back to their new home in Rutland, Vt., from their son's home during a raging blizzard.

As they grew older and the Sharrows outlived most of their friends, Greg said, his parents just kept making new friends — sometimes much younger than they were, and often with very different lifestyles than the Sharrows had.

"A goodly part of our parties include people from the gay and lesbian communities," said Greg, who is

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gay and lives with his civil union partner, Robert Hooker. "So that was definitely new for my parents. But my father was a man who had great capabilities. Even though he couldn't be affirming for me when I first told him, he took that journey of learning and growing, and he became a model of what it meant to be loving and affirming to a gay man. He would amaze me with his sophisticated thinking."

Greg said he was always awed by his father's ability to talk to anyone.

"My father would walk into a room, and you'd swear he was running for office," he said. "He'd be shaking hands and telling people how good they looked."

Marge said Earl was happy he had moved to Vermont to spend those last couple of years with his son.

"He thought it was nice, and he'd met people he liked and could really enjoy it," she said.

Up until two months before he died, Earl was still driving. He had his routines of going to the grocery store, the post office and Wal-Mart.

"He liked the fact that he could be independent," Greg said.

Although Earl died shortly after his cancer diagnosis, Beth said she suspected he had known something was wrong and just didn't want to burden anyone.

"I think he'd been handling the pain for a while before he ever told anyone about it," she said.

Greg said what he wants people to know is that living near his parents and helping to take care of them is not a cross he thinks he has to bear, and that he is happy to have the last two years worth of memories of his father.

"People have occasionally said to me that it must be a lot of work to have my parents here, especially when I tell them they're 88 and 94," Greg said. "But 'work' isn't the right word. Sometimes when you meet old people, their oldness is the first thing you notice. With my mom and dad, 'old' isn't even a part of the equation. They're more than parents. With them, I have a deep relationship of long-standing with two people who are loads of fun."

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One dead after Sunday crash

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FREMONT — One man is dead and another is hospitalized in critical condition after a single-vehicle car crash that happened Sunday morning near Fremont.

Steuben County Sheriff Rick Lewis said the wreck occurred at about 2 a.m. on S.R. 120 west of C.R. 225E. The driver of the vehicle, Derek M. Doney, 24, of Toledo, Ohio, suffered severe head trauma and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Doney's passenger, Francis Restivo, 23, of Toledo, sustained multiple fractures in the accident after being ejected from the vehicle. Restivo was not wearing his seat belt. He was airlifted to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where the house supervisor said this morning he was listed in critical condition this morning.

Lewis said Doney was traveling eastbound on S.R. 120 when his vehicle left the roadway on the south side. Doney lost control as he tried to bring the vehicle back onto the road, and the vehicle then rolled several times before coming to rest on the north side of the roadway.

Doney was wearing his seat belt. His injuries happened because he was partly out of the vehicle window as it was rolling over, Lewis said.

Also assisting at the crash scene were representatives from the Indiana State Police, Steuben County Emergency Medical Service, the Fremont Fire Department and the Fremont Police Department.

Freida Eyer

CHURUBUSCO — Freida Joan Eyer, 78, of Churubusco died at 9:23 a.m. Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne following a brief illness.

Mrs. Eyer

Mrs. Eyer was well known throughout the area as a wallpaper hanger.

She had retired in 1988 after serving 16 years in that profession.

She had also been employed for a short period at General Electric and at Borden Dairy from 1945-54.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church and its United Methodist Women's Charity Circle.

She was born Dec. 5, 1925, near Liberty Center in Wells County to Loyd and Verine (Overmire) Minniear.

She graduated from Liberty Center High School in 1943.

On March 20, 1954, she married Harold E. Eyer. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Debra Eyer of Phoenix, Ariz.; a son, Harold Eyer Jr. of Churubusco; a half sister and her husband, Bea and Max Mann of Montpelier; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Clifford Minniear; and two sisters, Helen Grush and Dorothy Young.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Churubusco United Methodist Church with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubuso.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Robert Skinner

ELKHART — Robert D. Skinner, 78, of Elkhart died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Skinner had spent most of his life in Wolcottville.

He was born Feb. 15, 1926, in Noble County to Walter C. and Louise (Gill) Skinner.

Surviving are two half sisters, Wilma Nagy and Alice Carlberg, both of Elkhart.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Mary Brown and Marjorie Replogle.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday prior to services.

Betty Carlin

FREMONT — Betty L. Carlin, 65, of Fremont died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Carlin was born Dec. 30, 1938, at Christ Church, New Zealand, to Arthur and Myra (Cane) McClintock. She was married to Larry L. Carlin on Nov. 24, 1962, and he survives.

Mrs. Carlin

She was a homemaker. She attended Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, and was a charter member of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood.

She was a life member of the VFW Auxiliary, and belonged to the Angola Ladies of the Elks, Eagles Lodge Auxiliary of Bryan, Ohio, and the Women of the Moose in Fremont.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Bill Stombaugh of Bryan, Ohio; three sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony and Sandy Carlin of Hillsdale, Mich., Kevin and Lori Carlin of Edgerton, Mich. and Kent and Megan Carlin of Clear Lake; two brother and five sisters, all of New Zealand; and 10 grandchildren.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Calling is Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice, Dream Foundation or Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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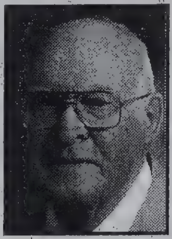
J. Eugene Shew

COLUMBIA CITY — J. Eugene Shew, 91, of Columbia City died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana where he had been admitted July 5.



Mr. Shew

Mr. Shew was a farmer and retired in 1978 after 27 years of employment at Dana Weatherhead.

During World War II he was employed at Oriental Show U.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and the Chain O' Lakes Barbershop Chorus.

Mr. Shew was born, Oct. 16, 1912, in Fort Wayne to George Jacob and Effie Jean (Flint) Shew.

He was the first Caesarean birth at Lutheran Hospital. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On Sept. 12, 1936, he married Lucille I. Hougendobler. She survives.

They resided at High Lake for 25 years until 1968, moving to their home on S.R. 205. The couple spent their winters in Frostproof, Fla., for 20 years.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Phil E. and Linda Shew, Russell L. Shew and Jon A. and Rosie Shew, all of Columbia City; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Alma Mott, Oma Kuntz, Alice Ott and Tamson Craven.

Norma Scott

ANGOLA — Norma Jean Scott, 71, of Angola died Saturday, July 10, 2004, in Angola.

Mrs. Scott was born in Angola on Feb. 17, 1933, to Paul H. and Leota (Miller) Wilsey. She was first married to Herschel Schworm, who preceded her in death, and then to Carl Scott, who died on Feb. 10, 2003.

She retired from Keystone-Rees in Fremont in 1998. She was a 35-year member of the Women of the Moose in Angola.

Surviving are two sons, Todd Schworm of Angola and Michael Lanning of Fremont; a brother, Charles Wilsey of Fremont; a sister, Carol May of Centennial, Ohio; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Saleigha Lanning, on Oct. 10, 1994.

Services will be noon Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 10 a.m. to the time of the service on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home with the Rev. James Haugen of Zion Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion Lutheran Church.

David Stukey

LAKE JAMES — David S. Stukey, 62, of Lake James and Naples, Fla., died Saturday, July 10, 2004, at his home on Lake James.

Mr. Stukey was born Dec. 12, 1941, in Bluffton, to Claire H. and Margaret Maxine (Woodruff) Stukey. He was married to Barbara Heltebrake on Sept. 11, 1964, and she survives.

He was a salesman at DeVoe Automotive for 12 years in Naples.

He retired from International Harvester in 1985 after 18 years of service.

He had also worked for McDonald-Douglas for a year and a half in Torrance, Calif., and was in the St. Joe Township Fire Department from 1966-72.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church in Marco Island, Fla.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Doug and Jennifer Stukey of Angola and Chad and Gwen Stukey of Golden, Colo.; a daughter, Stacy Stukey-Hambrook of Angola; a sister, Sue Ann Waite of Angola; and five grandchildren, Adam, Benjamin, Samuel, Spencer and Gretta.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Angola United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Larry Smith officiating. Calling is today from 6 to 8 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at Fairview Cemetery, Bluffton.

Memorials are to Angola United Methodist Church or Wesley United Methodist Church.

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Ralph Farrington

AUBURN — Ralph K. Farrington, 87, died Friday, July 9, 2004, at his home in Auburn.

Mr. Farrington worked at Warner Gear in Auburn, retiring in 1977.

He served his country during World War II with the Civil Service Corps as an airplane mechanic at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, and at Alpena, Mich., and Baer Field in Fort Wayne.

He was born March 7, 1917, at Eaton Rapids, Mich., to Arthur E. and Carrie (Shellhouse) Farrington.

He married Phyllis J. Sattison on May 26, 1942. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and a two daughters-in-law, Thomas A. and Penny Farrington of Sarasota, Fla., Michael L. and Becky Farrington of Kokomo and Jerry A. Farrington of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Larry Owens of Auburn; a sister, Thelma Coscarelly of Glendale, Calif.; seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lloyd and Benjamin Farrington; and three sisters, Rutheda Powers, Beneda Robinson and one sister who died in infancy.

Services will be Wednesday at 5 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Marki will officiate.

Calling will be Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

William Burnau

FREMONT — William V. "Barefoot Willie" Burnau, 75, of Fremont died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

He was a serviceman for Sears, retiring in 1991.

He was born April 5, 1929, in Markle. He was a member of the Orland American Legion and loved Indiana University, racing and country music.

Surviving are his wife, Fern Burnau; two daughters, Susan Duff of Fort Wayne and Sheryl Hollister of Ossian; a son, Rick Burnau of Fremont; 11 grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Burnau.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne, with burial in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Richard Isaacs

ROME CITY — Richard A. Isaacs, 78, of Rome City died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Ernest Murphy

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Ernest David Murphy, 81, of Hicksville died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Murphy was a salesman for 23 years and then a small-engine repairman in Hicksville.

Most recently, he delivered parts for Noah Yoder Ford.

He was born Jan. 20, 1923, in Woodburn to Robert and Rosa (Guiff) Murphy.

He married Ruth Fowler on March 15, 1969. She died in 2001.

He was a member of the First Church of Christ, Hicksville. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Surviving are three sons, Paul Murphy of Fort Wayne, Charles Fowler of Hicksville and Cliff Murphy of Phoenix, Ariz.; four daughters, Sue Feasby of Antwerp, Kay Smith of Tampa, Fla., Deb Stuckey of Hicksville and Melody Mumy of Hicksville; 11 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Olive Witmer of Spencerville, Ind.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife, were his parents, three brothers, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday (Indiana time) at the First Church of Christ, Hicksville, with Pastor Ken Wellman officiating.

Calling is Tuesday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 8 p.m. (Indiana times) at Brown Funeral Home of Hicksville.

Memorials are to Hospice the Caring Way of Defiance County.

DAVE KURTZ

A Butler man, Arlie K. Church, 45, died when he was thrown from this pickup truck after a collision Monday, three miles north of Butler. The truck rolled onto its passenger side, but rescuers pushed it upright.

Driver runs after fatal crash in DeKalb

BY DAVE KURTZ

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BUTLER — A Butler man died after the collision of a car and pickup truck Monday and police still are looking for the driver who caused the crash.

Arlie K. Church, 45, of the 300 block of Depot Street, Butler, died shortly after he was thrown from the truck, police said. Rescuers could not revive him.

Church was riding in a pickup truck that was traveling westbound on C.R. 12. At 4:20 p.m., it sped through a stop sign at C.R. 61.

The truck slammed into the driver's side of a car heading southbound on C.R. 61. Patty L. Patrick, 59, of the 300 block of Widney Street, St. Joe, was driving the car. She escaped serious injury when the truck hit just behind her driver's door.

Patrick complained of pain, said a report by DeKalb County Police. Medics took her to DeKalb Memorial Hospital for examination.

Patrick told police she saw the pickup's driver run away from the scene of the crash, heading north through a field toward a wooded area. She did not get a good look at him, however.

"She couldn't even really give any description of clothing or anything," said DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis.

Police officers searched the surrounding countryside until dark using police dogs, an Indiana State Police airplane and a helicopter. They questioned neighboring residents about men who might have been driving the truck.

Richard Isaacs

ROME CITY — Richard A. Isaacs, 78, of Rome City died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Isaacs was born Nov. 18, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Russell and Hilda (Vachon) Isaacs. He married Onalee Hillman on Aug. 5, 1975, in Greenville, S.C. She survives.

He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion.

He was employed as a maintenance supervisor at B.F. Goodrich in Fort Wayne, retiring after 25 years of service.

Also surviving are a sister, Mary Brown of Quincy, Mich.; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Kathleen Berry of Hazelhurst, Ga.; Patricia and Roy Armstrong of Ligonier, Jacqueline and Chris Gaetz of Angola and Mary Ann and Brian Winebrenner of Syracuse; two sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Mindy Isaacs of Wolcottville and Norman and Peggy Isaacs of Prairie de Chein, Wis.; two stepsons and their wives, M.S. and Michelle Mullins of Dallas, Texas, and Paul and Diane Mullins of San Diego, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Cheryl Mullins of Westerville, Ohio; three stepdaughters and their husbands, Sarah and Fred Stamey of Middlesex, N.C., Cynthia and Joseph DeWitt of Syracuse and Brenda and Terry Winebrenner of Westerville, Ohio; 21 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Richard A. Isaacs, a granddaughter, Valery S. Parker, a sister Hilda Fortney, and two brothers, William Isaacs and John Isaacs.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery following services on Thursday.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. A rosary will be held at the funeral home at 8 p.m. on Wednesday.

Memorials are to Goshen Hospital Cancer Treatment Center or Care at Home services.

Send condolences or to sign the online guest register, go to www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Harold Kelley

NEW MIDDLETOWN, Ohio — Harold D. Kelley, 76, of New Middletown, Ohio, died Tuesday, July 6, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Kelley was born March 16, 1928, in North Judson, to Harry and Octavia (Gire) Kelley. He was raised in Garrett, and moved to Poland, Ohio in 1957. He was married to Christine J. Ruggiero on June 5, 1948, and she survives.

He was a 1946 graduate of Garrett High School, and received a bachelor of science degree in education in 1966 and his master's degree in education in 1974 from Youngstown State University.

He taught eighth grade math and history in the Springfield Local School System in Ohio from 1966 to 1988, and had also served as past athletic director. After retirement, he served as a substitute teacher for 16 years.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served from 1946-48. He was a member of VFW Post No. 2799, and also belonged to the National Education Association and the Ohio Education Association.

In his free time, he enjoyed fishing, gardening, and traveling with his wife.

He was an active member of the Calvary Assembly of God Church in Boardman, Ohio, and served his church in many capacities, including serving on the deacon board and as an usher.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kathleen J. and Lyle Orr and Darlene A. Kelley, all of Boardman and Jacalyn and Charles Spayde of Willoughby, Ohio; a son and his fiancee, Harold P. Kelley and Linda Vesy, both of New Middletown; three sisters, Isabel Lung of Bonita Springs, Fla., Audrey Beaty of Angola and Linda Mann of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Harry Kelley of Angola; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, William Kelley.

Services were held Saturday in Boardman.

Memorials are to the Calvary Assembly of God Church.

Kenneth Koch Jr.

HARLAN — Kenneth W. Koch Jr., 72, of Harlan died Monday, July 12, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Koch formerly owned and operated Superior Cleaners in Hicksville, Ohio, and Koch's Superior Cleaners of Leo-Cedarville. He had worked at International Harvester for 26 years, Magnavox for nine years, and Fillmore Tool & Die in Garrett.

He was born Nov. 2, 1931, in Woodburn to Kenneth W. and Helen R. (Kreg) Koch Sr. He was a 1950 graduate of Hicksville High School and a member of the American Legion, Eagles and Moose.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Darlene Koch of Woodburn; a daughter and son-in-law Chris and Michael Stark of Harlan; a sister, Barbara Peter of Hicksville; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, with calling one hour before the service, at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene. Private burial will be at a later date in Hicksville, Ohio.

Memorials are to Heartland Hospice.

Northeast Indiana Cremation Society is in charge of arrangements.

Marie Addis

CHURUBUSCO — Marie Estella Addis, 86, of rural Churubusco in Noble County died Monday morning, July 12, 2004, at her residence in Green Township following an extended illness.

Mrs. Addis

She was a member of Charter Oak Community Church, north of Churubusco, and its Willing Workers.

Mrs. Addis was born in Green Township on Oct. 22, 1917, to Lloyd and Roseanna (Gordon) Claxton, and was a lifelong resident of Noble County. She was married on Oct. 19, 1935, to John F. Addis. He preceded her in death on March 27, 1979.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, John and Nancy Addis Jr. and Jim and Carol (Meyer) Addis, all of Churubusco, and Jerry and Gloria Addis of Pisgah Forest, N.C.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lora and Elvin Bridegan of Churubusco and Grace Slater of Largo, Fla.; 14 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, the Rev. Alva Claxton, Cecil Claxton and Ernest Claxton; a sister, Elsie Claxton; a daughter-in-law, Rose Marie Addis; and a son-in-law, Laurie Slater.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home with Pastors Buel Meadows and Aaron Peer officiating. Interment will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be at the mortuary on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.

Memorials are to the Charter Oak Community Church.

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Mary Morgan

GARRETT — Mary M. Morgan, 81, of Garrett died Monday, July 12, 2004, at her daughter's home in Waterloo.

Mrs. Morgan

Born in Miller City, Ohio, she graduated from Miller City High School in 1940. She was a homemaker and worked in the cafeteria at Garrett High School for 28 years, retiring in 1985.

Surviving are her husband, Varold, of Garrett; two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Don Schiffli of Waterloo and Lana and Terry Miller of Delphos, Ohio; a sister, Clara Fay Andrews of Defiance, Ohio; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one stepgrandchild and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Della; two brothers, Donald and Howard Heffley; four sisters, Wilma Strausser, Cleta Schaefer, Lucille Neff and LaVern Ridenour; and a stepgrandson.

Services will be Thursday at 1 p.m. in McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be at the funeral home Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Thursday from noon to 1 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice or the Multiple Sclerosis Association.

Lorayne Martin

LAGRANGE — Lorayne "Herbie" Martin, 78, of LaGrange died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Martin

Mrs. Martin was born Aug. 21, 1925, in Rome City to Howard and Mable (Caldwell) Ramsby. She first married Harold Brown and he preceded her in death. She then married Donald Martin in 1973. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Harold James Brown of Albion and Gary Brown of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Kate and Wallace Neumann of Village Mills, Texas; a grandson, Jason Brown of Albion; two nieces; and five nephews.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; two sisters, Verba Targgart and Vera Amick; two brothers, Logan Ramsby and Keith Ramsby; and a grandchild, Jerri Brown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Glen La Vine

HIGHLAND — Glen E. La Vine, 72, of Highland and formerly of Angola, died Sunday, July 11, 2004.

Mr. La Vine was a member of St. James Church of Highland. He retired from Northern Indiana Public Service Co. with 33 years of services.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean conflict, and was a member of the American Legion post in Hammond. He was a graduate of Angola High School and Tri-State University, and had served on the board of directors for the First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Hammond.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Josephine (DeRosa) La Vine; two sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Christy La Vine of Carol Stream, Ill., and Matthew and Holly La Vine of Bartlett, Ill.; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Gloria and Robert Brown of Sedro Wooley, Wash., and Joyce Nelson of Chestertown, Md.; and three grandchildren, Ashley, Mack and Benjamin.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael, in 1989.

Services will be 11 a.m. Friday at St. James Church, Highland, with Monsignor Richard Zollinger officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kuiper Funeral Home, Highland. A prayer service will be held at the funeral home at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be on Saturday in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, IL 60678-3968.

Leonard Smith

COLDWATER, Mich. — Leonard D. Smith, 74, of Ovid Township, Coldwater, Mich., died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Battle Creek Health Systems in Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Smith was born March 13, 1930, in Ray, to Paul and Hattie (Blotter) Smith. He attended Bronson Schools in Bronson, Mich.

He had been employed at several area factories and belonged to the Coldwater Eagles Lodge.

Surviving are seven children and their spouses, Mary Sue and Robert Walker, David and Daleann Smith and Ralph Smith, all of Coldwater, Sandy and Bill Vaughn of Fremont, Deborah Ann Smith and Larry Halstead of Montgomery, Mich., James and Jeanie Smith of Charlotte, Tenn. and Jackie and LaVern Bell of Jonesville, Mich.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Thelma and Bill Wonders of Bronson and Yvonne and Jim Taylor of Florida; a brother and sister-in-law, John William and Loretta Smith of Quincy, Mich.; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two wives, Klyta (Mabie) Smith and Linda (Melton) Hoard Smith; a daughter, Cheryl Courtney; a brother, four sisters and six grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday at noon Indiana time at the George White Funeral Home, Quincy. Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time.

Burial will be in Allen Cemetery, Allen, Mich.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Robert 'Red' Young

GARRETT — Robert L. "Red" Young, 75, of Garrett died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Young was self-employed as an automotive detailer for more than 50 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Nov. 26, 1929, in Kendallville to Otis J. Young and Norma Adell (Teders) Young.

He married Janet Rugman on Dec. 26, 1991, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Norma Miller of Albion; one grandchild, Jacob M. Phillips; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert Otis Young; 10 brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with a graveside military service by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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John Wentworth Jr.

HOWE — John A. "Jack" Wentworth Jr., 88, of Howe died Monday, July 12, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Wentworth move to Howe in 1947 from Mishawaka. He was the owner of Wentworth Electronics of Howe from 1947 to 1989. The business was first known as Jack's Radio Service. In 1951, he expanded the business with his brother and changed the name to Wentworth Appliances. In 1965, it became Wentworth Electronics.

He was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, trustee and elder. He was also a member of Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&AM and Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star.

He enjoyed woodworking and made woodcrafts under the name Lumber Jack. He served as a volunteer at Maple Wood Nature Preserve in LaGrange County.

Mr. Wentworth was born March 25, 1916, in Mishawaka to John A. Sr. and J. Grace (Dunham) Wentworth. On July 2, 1939, in Sturgis, Mich., he married A. June Blasius. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald G. Wentworth of Kimmell, Dale M. Wentworth of Howe and Myron A. Wentworth of Butler; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

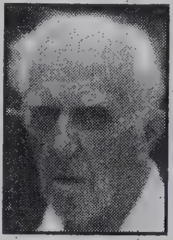
He was preceded in death by two sisters, Alta Marie Wentworth and Mary Jane Wentworth; and three brothers, Starr Wentworth, Roy Wentworth and Ray Wentworth.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Robert Burkhart



Mr. Burkhart

LIGONIER — Robert E. "Bob" Burkhart, 84, of Ligonier died at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mr. Burkhart had retired after 47 years as a mechanic at the Blazed Trail Garage.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 243.

Mr. Burkhart enjoyed fishing.

He was born Feb. 25, 1920, in Ligonier to Harry and Mabel (Simians) Burkhart.

Mr. Burkhart is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, and a companion, Theda Miller.

Military graveside services by American Legion Post 243 will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to American Legion Post 243.

Leon Meyer

WOLF LAKE — Leon M. Meyer, 68, of Wolf Lake died at 4:59 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

Mr. Meyer had retired in 1999 from Dexter Axle. He had also worked part-time for Churubusco Auto Electric.

A lifetime Noble County resident, he was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He enjoyed gardening, flowers, woodworking, crafts, remodeling his home and being outdoors.

Mr. Meyer was born May 19, 1936, in Garrett to Francis J. and Marjorie (Pennel) Meyer. On Feb. 14, 2003, he married Kathi Boyer in Bowling Spring, S.C., and she survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marjorie Meyer of Florida; two stepdaughters, Tara Bower and her friend, Christopher Watkins, and Karri Brown, all of Cowpens, S.C.; a stepson, Robert Brown of South Whitley; a brother and sister-in-law, Gail and Sharon Meyer of Springfield, Ohio; and a grandchild, Madison Brown.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Father Dan Durkin officiating.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday prior to services.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care.

Vearl Gaff

WOLF LAKE — Vearl V. Gaff, 78, of Wolf Lake died Monday, July 12, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif., while visiting his daughter, Ann Graft, and her family.

Services are pending at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City.

Thomas Wagner

MARSHALL, Mich. — Thomas Alfred "Ole Tom" Wagner, 67, of Marshall, Mich., died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Oaklawn Hospital in Marshall.

Mr. Wagner was born Oct. 18, 1936, in Detroit, to Alfred and Henrietta (Schultz) Wagner. He was married in 1954 to Helen Rodgers, and in 1973 to Gloria Weidner. Both marriages ended in divorce.

He received his education at Camden High School in Camden, Mich.

At the age of 21, he was elected the youngest constable in the state of Michigan, serving Camden Township. He then continued his career serving as the marshal of police in Camden. He was also a fireman. His career as a public servant lasted for more than 40 years.

He had also worked for Montgomery Egg, Tidy's, Boshears Ford, Battle Creek Ford and Gray Chevrolet. He had also been a manager at Hill Piston.

Surviving are four daughters and their spouses, Valerie and Cary Arnold of Hillsdale, Mich., Cheryl Hill and James McEwen of Bellevue, Mich., Tammy and Todd Gore of Marshall, Mich., and Terri Gossman and her fiancé, Lynn, of Rollin, Mich.; a sister and brother-in-law, Pam and Kenny Firestone of Angola; seven grandchildren, Zach Arnold, Hilary Arnold Mcintyre, Rachelle Gore, Shannon Hill, Mehgan Gore, Todd Gore and Amy Hill; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Jerome Lee Wagner.

Services will be 9 a.m. Indiana time on Thursday at the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home, Marshall, with Pastor Robert Muirhead officiating.

Burial will be in Camden Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Thomas Wagner Memorial Fund.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Norma Scott

ANGOLA — Norma Jean Scott, 71, of Angola died Saturday, July 10, 2004, in Angola.

Mrs. Scott was born in Angola on Feb. 17, 1933, to Paul H. and Leota (Miller) Wilsey. She was first married to Herschel Schworm, who preceded her in death, and then to Carl Scott, who died on Feb. 10, 2003.

She retired from Keystone-Rees in Fremont in 1998. She was a 35-year member of the Women of the Moose in Angola.

Surviving are two sons, Todd Schworm of Angola and Michael Lanning of Fremont; a brother, Charles Wilsey of Fremont; a sister, Carol May of Centennial, Colo.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Saleigha Lanning, on Oct. 10, 1994.

Services are at noon today at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be from 10 a.m. to the time of the service.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Arlie Church

HAMILTON — Arlie "Kevin" Church, 45, of Hamilton died Monday, July 12, 2004, from injuries he suffered in a traffic accident near Butler.

He was born June 15, 1959, in Ashland, Ky., to James Bliss and Margaret (Healy) Church. He spent the majority of his life in northeast Indiana. He was Protestant.

Surviving are one son, Skylar Kevin Church of Butler; eight sisters, Yvonne Payne of Kendallville, Bethel Dickens of Flatwood, Ky., Carrie Opal Ford of Ironton, Ohio, Alva Jean Frazer of Florida, Thelma Kay Church of Florida, Bernadine Church of Butler, Gail Boulware of Arizona and Veva Ann Edwards of Buffalo, Mo.; and four brothers, Darrell Church of Angola, Danny Paul Church of Albion, Randy Church of West Unity, Ohio, and Earnie David Church of Fremont.

Preceding him in death were his parents and two brothers, Bliss Alfred Church and John Alvin Church.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home at Hamilton. A nephew, the Rev. Forrest R. Church, will officiate. Graveside services will follow at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Skylar Kevin Church Trust Fund.

Robert James

AUBURN — Robert D. James, 76, of Auburn died Monday, July 12, 2004, at his home.

Born in DeKalb County, Mr. James retired as a diesel engineer from Cummins Engine Co.

He was a 50-year member of Forest Masonic Lodge in Butler, and was a member of the Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Lorinne L. James of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Renee and Jerry Jones of Littleton, Colo.; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Dawn James of Indianapolis; seven grandchildren; and two brothers, Carl James of Fremont and Clyde James of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Bonnie Aschelman.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church, 10001 Coldwater Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery.

Calling will be tonight from 6:30-8:30 at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the Church of the Covenant United Methodist Church building fund.

John A. Wentworth, Jr.

LAGRANGE — John A. (Jack) Wentworth, Jr., 88, died Monday, July 12, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was born March 25, 1916 in Mishawaka to John A. Wentworth, Sr. and Julia Grace (Dunham) Wentworth.

He and his wife, A. June (Blasius) Wentworth were married July 2, 1939 in Sturgis, Michigan. They lived in Mishawaka until moving to Howe in 1947. They have three sons, Ronald G. Wentworth of Kimmell, Dale M. Wentworth of Howe, and Myron A. Wentworth of Butler. They also have six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Mr. Wentworth was preceded in death by three brothers, Starr, Roy and Ray Wentworth, and two sisters, Alta Marie and Mary Jane Wentworth.

John A. Wentworth, known to friends and family as Jack, retired from his own business, Wentworth Electronics in 1989. He started his business in Howe in 1947. Known first as Jack's Radio Service, he expanded his business with his brother in 1951 and changed the name to Wentworth Appliances. In 1965, it became Wentworth Electronics. After his retirement, he kept busy with woodworking, making woodcrafts that were made under the name of Lumber Jack and with volunteer work at the Maple Wood Nature Preserve in LaGrange.

Mr. Wentworth was a member of the Lima Presbyterian Church, where he had served as a Sunday School Superintendent, a deacon, a trustee, and an elder. He was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Masons, Meridian Sun Lodge #76, and F&AM Sylvan Chapter #251 OES.

A Masonic service will be held Thursday, July 15, 2004, at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange at 7:30 p.m. Calling will be Thursday, July 15, 2004, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The funeral will be 10 a.m. Friday, July 16, 2004, at the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with burial at Riverside Cemetery, also in Howe. The Rev. Daniel Engber will be officiating.

For those who wish, preferred memorials are to the Lima Presbyterian Church or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

J. Eugene Shew

COLUMBIA CITY — J. Eugene Shew, 91, a resident of Smith Township, died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana, Fort Wayne where he was admitted on Tuesday, July 5.

He was born October 16, 1912, in Fort Wayne, the first caesarean birth at Lutheran Hospital, a son of George Jacob and Effie Jean (Flint) Shew. His formative years were spent in Noble County. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On September 12, 1936, he was united in marriage to Lucille I. Hougendobler. They made their first home in Noble County, moved to Columbia City for a year then later returning to Noble County. They resided at High Lake for 25 years until 1968 when they moved to their home on State Road 205. They also spent their winters in Frost Proof, Florida for 20 years.

During World War II, he was employed at Oriental Show U. In addition to general farming, he was a 27 year Dana Weatherhead employee, retiring in 1978.

His memberships included Zion Lutheran Church and Chain-O-Lakes Barbershop Chorus.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Lucille; three sons, Phil E. (Linda) Shew, Russell L. Shew and Jon A. (Rosie) Shew, all of Columbia City; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Alma Mott, Oma Kuntz, Alice Ott and Tamson Craven.

The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, July 15, 2004, at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City with Rev. James Haugen, pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, officiating. The burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church.

Robert 'Red' Young

GARRETT – Robert L. "Red" Young, 75, of Garrett died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mr. Young was self-employed as an automotive detailer for more than 50 years. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

He was born Nov. 26, 1929, in Kendallville to Otis J. Young and Norma Adell (Teders) Young.

He married Janet Rugman on Dec. 26, 1991, in Auburn. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Norma Miller of Albion; one grandchild, Jacob M. Phillips; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Robert Otis Young; 10 brothers and three sisters.

Services will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, Waterloo. The Rev. Rex Charles will officate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn with graveside military service by the Garrett post of the American Legion.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Dorain Scheurich

KENDALLVILLE — Dorain Mae "Dottie" Scheurich, 83, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 7, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare.

Mrs. Scheurich had been a real estate agent with Grady Realty for 15 years and had been a waitress at several local restaurants including the Publix Cafe and Galloway's Restaurant.

She was a member of the Church of God and had taught Sunday school.

She was born Dec. 30, 1920, in Kendallville the daughter of Harry Rolland and Gertrude (Kirkpatrick) Bower. On Aug. 31, 1946, in Avilla she married Glenn Raymond Scheurich. He died April 11, 1991.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Linda and Norbert Franks of Kendallville, Sharon Miller of Kendallville, and Barbara and Mark Mead of Corunna; a son, Glenn Scheurich Jr. of Kendallville; three sisters, Betty Hastings of Albion, Ida Hewitt of Kendallville, and Joy Wells of Fort Wayne; seven grandsons, Mark and Kevin Franks, Chad Grady, Shaun Miller, and Shannon, Matthew and Nathan Wineland; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were at 4 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Jim Kane officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to http://www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Edward Walburn

CROMWELL — Edward G. Walburn, 83, of rura Cromwell died at 1:05 a.m Friday, July 9, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He had been an engineer with the state highway department and was a surveyor.

Mr. Walburn was a 40-year member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, a member of the Wolf Lake VFW, West Noble American Legion, Cromwell Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine, and Indian Village United Methodist Church. He enjoyed collecting and repairing antique furniture and farming, and he loved to recite poetry.

He was born March 14, 1921, in Green Township in Noble County to Otto and Beulah Mae (Wright) Walburn, and he lived his entire life in Noble County.

On Oct. 1, 1944, in Norma, Okla., he married Norma Jean Deisler. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Cindy Walburn of Cromwell; three grandchildren, Peter Myers, Molly Faber and Joe Walburn; and three great-grandchildren, Madeline, Elisa and Amelia Faber.

Preceding him in death were a son, David; and two sisters, Leonora and Lionana.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier. Rev. Duane Ginder officiated. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Memorials are to the Indian Village United Methodist Church or the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

Leon M. Meyer

WOLF LAKE – Leon M. Meyer, 68, died Monday, July 12, 2004, at Parkview Whitley Hospital of Columbia City.

He was born May, 19, 1936 in Garrett, IN to Francis J. Meyer and Marjorie (Pennel) Meyer.

He and his wife Kathi Boyer were married Feb. 14, 2003, in Bowling Spring, SC. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Marjorie Kathi Meyer of Florida; two step-daughters and one stepson; Tara Bower & friend Christopher Watkins, Karri Brown both of Cowpens, SC; Robert Brown of South Whitley; one grandchild, Madison Brown; one brother and sister-in law, Gail & Sharon Meyer of Springfield, OH.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Leon retired from Dexter Axle in 1999. He also worked part-time for Churubusco Auto Electric.

His hobbies included: gardening, flowers, woodworking, crafts, remodeling his home & being outdoors. He was an Airforce Veteran.

Services will be Friday at 3 p.m. in Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Father Dan Durkin will officiate.

Calling will be Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Home Health Care.

Lorayne Martin

LAGRANGE – Lorayne "Herbie" Martin, 78, of LaGrange died Sunday, July 11, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Martin was born Aug. 21, 1925, in Rome City to Howard and Mable (Caldwell) Ramsby. She first married Harold Brown, and he preceded her in death. She then married Donald Martin in 1973. He preceded her in death in 1984.

Surviving are two sons, Harold James Brown of Albion and Gary Brown of LaGrange; a sister and brother-in-law, Kate and Wallace Neuman of Village Mills, Texas; a grandson, Jason Brown of Albion; two nieces; and five nephews.

Also preceding her death were her parents; two sisters, Verba Targgart and Vera Amick; two brothers, Logan Ramsby and Keith Ramsby; and a grandchild, Jerri Brown.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Carey-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange with Rev. Josh Hossler officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at Albion.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provided additional information about the location of calling.*

John Wentworth Jr.

HOWE — John A. "Jack" Wentworth Jr., 88, of Howe died Monday, July 12, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Wentworth moved to Howe in 1947 from Mishawaka. He was the owner of Wentworth Electronics of Howe from 1947 to 1989. The business was first known as Jack's Radio Service. In 1951, he expanded the business with his brother and changed the name to Wentworth Appliances. In 1965, it became Wentworth Electronics.

He was a member of Lima Presbyterian Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher, deacon, trustee and elder. He was also a member of Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&AM and Sylvan Chapter 251 Order of the Eastern Star.

He enjoyed woodworking and made woodcrafts under the name Lumber Jack. He served as a volunteer at Maple Wood Nature Preserve in LaGrange County.

Mr. Wentworth was born March 25, 1916, in Mishawaka to John A. Sr. and J. Grace (Dunham) Wentworth. On July 2, 1939, in Sturgis, Mich., he married A. June Blasius. She survives in Howe.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald G. Wentworth of Kimmell, Dale M. Wentworth of Howe and Myron A. Wentworth of Butler; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Alta Marie Wentworth and Mary Jane Wentworth; and three brothers, Starr Wentworth, Roy Wentworth and Ray Wentworth.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe with the Rev. Daniel Engber officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with a Masonic service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Lima Presbyterian Church or the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Andrew Hines

FORT WAYNE — Andrew L. Hines, 35, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, July 8, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hines had worked in the construction industry with Pettegrew & Sons for three years.

He was born Oct. 19, 1968, in Blackford County Hospital in Hartford City to Samuel L. and Shirley (Cale) Hines. They survive in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two brothers, Chris Hines of Fort Wayne and Jeff Hines of Fort Wayne; and a grandmother, Ruby Fetty of Hartford City.

Services will be at noon Friday at Highland Park Cemetery Chapel in Fort Wayne with Msgr. Lester from St. Mary's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will be in Hartford City Cemetery in Hartford City.

Calling will be from 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the Highland Park Cemetery Chapel.

Memorials are to the family.

Vearl Gaff

WOLF LAKE — Vearl V. Gaff, 78, of Wolf Lake died at 5:05 p.m. Monday, July 12, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif. He had been visiting his daughter, Ann Graft, and her family.

Mr. Gaff had lived in Noble County until moving to Phoenix, Ariz., and later to Illinois following his marriage. He returned to Noble County in 1971 and had resided at Wolf Lake since 1972.

He was employed at Weatherhead in Columbia City for several years and later at Syracuse. He had also been employed at Essex in Columbia City and had driven RVs for Rockwood in Goshen.

Mr. Gaff was affiliated with Ormas Baptist Church and was a member of Cromwell Masonic Lodge 705 F&AM.

He was born May 17, 1926, in LaGrange to Laurel D. and Hilda D. (Leitch) Gaff. On April 22, 1945, he married Frances Jane Piper. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jannie Sue Robert of North Manchester, Ann and Doug Graft of Villa Park, Calif., and Janice Kay and Terry Zorger of North Manchester; a son, James Vearl Gaff of Helena, Mich.; a brother, Allen Gaff of South Whitley; two sisters, Virginia Linvill of Auburnville, Fla., and Doris Paulus of Leesburg; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Ormas Baptist Church with the Rev. Michael Allen of Ormas Baptist Church officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

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Evelyn Marshall

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn E. Marshall, 95, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Marshall

Mrs. Marshall was a homemaker and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

She was born June 20, 1909, in Kendallville to Harry O. and Lilly M. (Fulk) Trowbridge. On Oct. 24, 1927, in Kendallville, she married Verlin V. Marshall. He died May 29, 1997.

Surviving are six grandchildren and their spouses, Edward and Elsa McCollough of Ring Gold, Ga., Holly and Dennis O'Neal of Kendallville, Sharon and Jerry Zerby of Berrien Springs, Mich., Richard and Jody Marshall of Seattle, Wash., David and Kristie Marshall of Bremeton, Wash., and Laurene Galbraith of San Diego, Calif.; 13 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Melvin R. Marshall; a daughter, Frances V. McCollough; four brothers, Bill Trowbridge, Amos Trowbridge, Herbert "Dutch" Trowbridge and Clarence Trowbridge; and two sisters, Grace Faux and Vivian Trowbridge.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Ray Alexander officiating. Burial will be in Sweet Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to services Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hickory Creek Nursing Home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Lenora Jessup

SPENCERVILLE — Lenora L. Jessup, 84, of Spencerville died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Jessup had lived in the community for 47 years.

She was born Aug. 5, 1919, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Neil and Maggie (Fischer) Lawton.

Surviving are a son, the Rev. Jess L. Jessup of Waterloo; two daughters, Barbara Ellen Shepherd and Patricia Ann King, both of Fort Wayne; 14 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd, who died in 1985; a son, Larry Jessup; a daughter, Frances Fisher; and a great-granddaughter, Taylor Joan Jessup.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Hockemeyer Funeral Home, 17629 S.R. 37, Harlan. The Rev. Jess L. Jessup will officiate. Burial will be in Woodburn Mennonite Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Phyllis Cooper

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis B. Cooper, 76, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was an executive secretary at Dana Corp. for 25 years.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and James Mohr of New Haven; seven sons and four daughters-in-law, Michael Cole of Arizona, Tim Cole of Fort Wayne, Alan and Sue Cole of New Haven, Phil and Dianne Cole of Butler, Larry and Peggy Cole of Ossian, Donald Cole of Fort Wayne, Scott and Jacque Cole of Ossian; a stepdaughter and her husband, Candy and Ralph Imbody of Fort Wayne; stepsons Dan Cooper of Montana, Mike Cooper of Florida and Chris Cooper; 16 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Norman C. Cooper in 1998; a brother, Jack Wilson; and her parents, Harry and Beatrice Wilson.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Highland Park Cemetery Chapel. Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the chapel.

Memorials are to the family.

Jean Heiser

GARRETT — Jean Heiser, 80, of Garrett died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn where she had been a resident since July 8.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Rose Haenni

BRONSON, Mich. — Services are pending at Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson, Mich., for Rose M. Haenni, 97, of Bronson.

Ms. Haenni died at The Laurels of Coldwater in Coldwater, Mich., on Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

Daniel Dougan

FORT WAYNE — Daniel "Dan" Dougan, 54, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 12, 2004, in Olathe, Kan.

Surviving are his wife, Nanette; and three children, Dustin, Nicole and Brett.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Calling will be Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at St. Joe.

William O'Brien

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — William S. O'Brien, 82, formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., died Sunday, July 11, 2004, in Southfield.

Surviving are his wife, Shirley Leach O'Brien of Beverly Hills, Mich.; a daughter, Cynthia A. O'Brien of Rome City, Ind.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Judith and Jim Gerard of Portland, Ore.; four stepsons and their wives, Douglas Leach of San Francisco, Calif., David and Karen Leach of Groton, Vt., Steven and Tina Leach of Seattle, Wash., and Edward Leach of Issaquah, Wash.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Shirley O'Brien of Madison, Ohio, and Francis and Ada O'Brien of Boyne City, Mich.; a sister, Eileen O'Brien of Swansea, Ill.; and nine grandchildren.

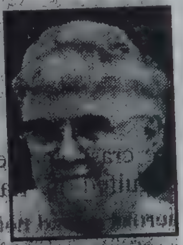
He was preceded in death by his first wife, Phyllis, in 1980.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Fort Wayne. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Winchester Road Chapel, and 30 minutes prior to services Friday at the church.

Memorials are to Beaumont Hospice, 1200 Stephenson Highway, Troy, MI 48083.

Frances Eckrote



Mrs. Eckrote

NEW CASTLE — Frances Elizabeth "Betty" Eckrote, 78, of New Castle died Monday, July 12, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. at the Waters Nursing Home in New Castle.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Russell O. Eckrote Sr.; a daughter, Paula Harter of New Castle; a son and his companion, Russell O. Eckrote Jr. and Sandra Strobel of Auburn; and two sisters, Retta Hurst of Greentown and Helen Guffey of Omaha, Neb.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Hinsey-Brown Funeral Home, 3406 S. Memorial Drive, New Castle.

Calling will be today from 5 to 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Foundation.

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Helen Rodeffer

AUBURN — Helen R. Rodeffer, 85, of Auburn, died Thursday, June 17, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Gaston, Ind., Mrs. Rodeffer was a homemaker.

Surviving are a daughter, Kathy Rodeffer of Auburn, and a sister-in-law, Helen Rodeffer of Lountville.

Mrs. Rodeffer was preceded in death by her husband, Harold "Jim" Rodeffer, in 1979.

Graveside services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Woodlawn Cemetery on South Center Street in Auburn.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Animal Shelter.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is in charge of arrangements.

Terry Carpenter

FORT WAYNE — Terry L. Carpenter, 62, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at his home.

A native of Hamilton, he was a truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Connie J. Carpenter of Fort Wayne; two sons, Donald and Chuck Carpenter; stepchildren David Bacon of Fort Wayne, Cory Horn of Avilla, Chantell Sharpe of Avilla, and John Horn of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; a sister, Lucy Albright of Florida; and a niece, Linda Eckerley of Decatur.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, with calling one hour prior to the service, at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home, 6301 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family or Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

Edward Walburn

CROMWELL — Edward G. Walburn, 83, of rural Cromwell died at 1:05 a.m. Friday, July 9, 2004, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He had been an engineer with the state highway department and was a surveyor.

Mr. Walburn was a 40-year member of the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club, a member of the Wolf Lake VFW, West Noble American Legion, Cromwell Masonic Lodge, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite and Mizpah Shrine, and Indian Village United Methodist Church. He enjoyed collecting and repairing antique furniture and farming, and he loved to recite poetry.

He was born March 14, 1921, in Green Township of Noble County to Otto and Beulah Mae (Wright) Walburn, and he lived his entire life in Noble County.

On Oct. 1, 1944, in Norman, Okla., he married Norma Jean Deisler. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Cindy Walburn of Cromwell; three grandchildren, Peter Myers, Molly Faber and Joe Walburn; and three great-grandchildren, Madeline, Elisa and Amelia Faber.

Preceding him in death were a son, David; and two sisters, Leonora and Lionana.

Services were Monday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Duane Ginder officiating. Burial was at Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam.

Memorials are to the Indian Village United Methodist Church or the Cromwell-Kimmell Lions Club.

Robert Burkhart

LIGONIER — Robert E. "Bob" Burkhart, 84, of Ligonier, died at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, July 10, 2004 in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

He was born February 25, 1920 in Ligonier, to Harry Burkhart and Mabel Simmons Burkhart.

He served in the US Army during World War II.

He retired after 47 years as a mechanic at the Blazed Trail Garage.

He was a member of American Legion Post 243 and he enjoyed fishing.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters and a companion, Theda Miller.

Military graveside services by American Legion Post 243 were held this morning, Thursday, July 15, in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

There was no viewing.

Memorial contributions can be made to American Legion Post No. 243.

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DAVE KURTZ

The driver of this car died when it rolled off C.R. 59 southwest of Butler on Thursday afternoon. Tanya M. Timmis, 19, of Butler was thrown from the car and suffered fatal head injuries.

Crash kills Butler teen

BUTLER — A rural Butler teen died Thursday afternoon when her car overturned one-half mile from her home.

Tanya M. Timmis, 19, of the 3900 block of C.R. 59, was thrown from her car as it flipped end over end, DeKalb County Sheriff John Dennis said. She died from head trauma, according to a police report.

Timmis was driving southbound on C.R. 59, toward her home, at 2:40 p.m. when her wheels dropped off the right edge of the road just north of C.R. 36.

She apparently overcorrected her steering, causing the car to roll onto its passenger side.

The car landed on its wheels with Timmis beside it and partially under it, though it was not resting on her, Dennis said.

"The seat belt is intact and functioning," but she apparently was not wearing it, Dennis said.

The car, a 1997 Chevrolet Lumina, stopped in a field on the northwest corner of the intersection of C.R. 59 and C.R. 36. The site is about 2 1/2 miles southwest of Butler.

CRASH:

Crash is second fatality in DeKalb this week

The Butler police and fire departments, DeKalb EMS and DeKalb County Coroner Richard Brown assisted police at the crash scene.

The fatal crash was the second in rural Butler this week. Monday afternoon, a pickup truck and car collided at C.R. 61 and C.R. 12 north of Butler, killing Arlie K. Church, 45, of Hamilton. The driver who caused that crash ran away from the scene and police still are trying to determine his identity.

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Mary Geller

FORT WAYNE — Mary Ellen Geller, 86, of Fort Wayne and Lake James, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Geller was born in Auburn, and graduated from Huntertown High School and International Business College. She retired from Navistar International Corp. in 1975 after 31 years of service. During her tenure there, she held several professional positions.

Upon retirement, she enjoyed spending time at her homes at Lake James and in Naples, Fla.

She was a member of St. Jude and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic churches, as well as the Fort Wayne Art League and the Steuben County Women's Club.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Daniel Churchward; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Douglas and Jennifer Schenkel; and a great-grandson, David Schenkel II.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl, and two sisters, Rosemarie Sheets and Annise Grott.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday at St. Jude Catholic Church, Fort Wayne. Calling is from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday with a vigil service at 4 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Wayne, and also an hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home or Fort Wayne Museum of Art.

Mary Morgan

ANGOLA — Mary Alice Morgan, 79, of Angola died at 10:04 a.m. Thursday, July 15, 2004, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Morgan had moved to Angola in 1999 from Campbellsburg. She was a homemaker.

She was born April 11, 1925, in Muncie the daughter of Harry and Mary (Rales) Knapp. On May 31, 1943, in Winchester she married Paul E. Morgan. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Paula June and Stephen Holloway of Brookville and Jo Beth Abraham of Macomb, Mich.; two sons, Danny D. Morgan of Naples, Fla., and Gary T. Morgan of Decatur; three sisters, Ida Mullen, Christine and Edna; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were a son, Shawn F. Morgan on Aug. 10, 1991; and two sisters, Doris and Charlene.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Sunday at Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

There will be no calling.

Frurip-May Funeral Home. LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Dwight Olson Jr.

FORT WAYNE — Dwight B. Olson Jr., 50, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was the owner of Auburn Undercar Center and a member of Fellowship Missionary Church.

Mr. Olson

Surviving are his wife, Marty A., and a daughter, Laura, of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike D. and Angie Kohlmeier, and a granddaughter, Renee, all of Indianapolis; his mother, Pauline J. Dupuy of Garland, Texas; and three sisters, Dee Holliday of Carrollton, Texas, Bobbi Goldberg of Santa Monica, Calif., and Mindy Thomas of Winsboro, Texas.

Services will be Monday at 2 pm. in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Saturday from 5 to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fellowship Missionary Church.

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Howard Tredway

FREMONT — Funeral services are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, for Howard E. Tredway, 73, of Fremont.

Mr. Tredway died at home on Thursday, July 15, 2004.

Joan Lash

GARRETT — Joan E. Lash, 80, of Garrett died at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

She was a lifetime area resident. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Ms. Lash

She was born Jan. 4, 1924, in Avilla the daughter of Herman and Mary (Lemper) Lash.

Surviving are four daughters, Susan Scanlon of Auburn, Diane Evans of San Diego, Calif., Patricia Wiant of Garrett and Rebecca Thrush of Waterloo; a brother, Louis Lash of Avilla; five sisters, Evelyn Evers of Kentland, Theresa Parker of Auburn, Phyllis Heffner of Elkhart, Jean Ley of Avilla and Ruth Marti of Mentune, Ill.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert Lash, Harold Lash and John Lash.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Phyllis Sharp

FORT WAYNE — Phyllis J. Sharp, 65, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 14, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed collecting bears and angels.

Surviving are her husband, Keith S. Sharp of Fort Wayne; five sons, Timothy A. Sharp, Michael S. Sharp, Steven K. Sharp, Kevin W. Sharp and David J. Sharp, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Linda J. Haaser of Hudson; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; her mother, Betty J. Robbins of Auburn; two brothers, James Robbins of Angola and Larry Robbins of Fort Wayne; and a sister, Sharon Lewis of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were her father, Gerald Robbins Sr., and a brother, Gerald Robbins Jr.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Tanya Timmis

BUTLER — Tanya Marie Timmis, 19, of Butler died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in a single-car accident at the corner of C.R. 36 and C.R. 59 in rural Butler.

She was born Oct. 31, 1984, in Auburn. She worked at the Blue Moon restaurant in Waterloo.

Surviving are her parents, Harry and Candace (Sweet) Timmis of Butler; a brother, Matthew Wayne Timmis of Butler; a grandmother, Susan Dirrim of Waterloo; a great-grandmother, Iva Dell Dirrim of Waterloo; and her fiance, Brad Fowler.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Stephanie Lynn Timmis.

A memorial service will be Sunday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Tony Brooks will conduct the service.

There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

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Former GOP chairwoman dies

CHAIRWOMAN: *Hanneman served in Allen County before moving to Noble*

1989. She had served as vice chairman of the Noble County GOP under chairman Lewis Moser before she defeated Moser in March 1997 for the post. She was re-elected to a four-year term in 2001.

She also made two unsuccessful bids as the GOP candidate for Noble County recorder in 1998 and 2002.

"I know that all the people in the Republican Party will feel her loss," said Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe. "She was a spunky one."

Handshoe said Mrs. Hanneman was instrumental in helping her run for mayor, both unsuccessfully in 1999 and again in 2003 when she won. She values the wealth of knowledge Mrs. Hanneman and Charles Hanneman gave her during her first campaign and fondly remembers celebrating her victorious second campaign with them. "She was a real behind-the-scenes cheerleader for me. ... I know she was as proud of me as a mother" the night Handshoe was elected mayor, Handshoe said.

"She contributed a lot of enthusiasm to the party and she was quite the worker," said Noble County Clerk Diane Bortner. "She had a lot of ideas, and she just always seemed to have the ticket filled. She'll sorely be missed."

"She was super," said Noble County Commissioner Richard Winebrenner, who had known Mrs. Hanneman for over eight years. "She was right straight up-front, a lovely lady."

Before moving to Noble County, the Allen County native had served as a GOP precinct committeeman and had worked for the Allen County auditor and recorder and for the Allen County License Branch. She also had served as ombudsman in the administration of former For Wayne Mayor Rober Armstrong and was assistan purchasing director in the administration of former For Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke.

"She made a great contribution to the Noble County Republican Party," Handshoe said.

Hanneman

Noble County's Dottie Hanneman remembered as hard-working leader

BY JACKIE MUSSER
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WAWAKA — Dorothy "Dottie" Hanneman, former Noble County Republican chairwoman, died Friday at her home on Steinbarger Lake in Wawaka.

Mrs. Hanneman, 70, had stepped down as chairwoman in December 2002 after being diagnosed with terminal lung cancer. She had held the position for five years.

"She was a hard-working party leader," said Noble County Republican Chairman Edward "Ed" Krause. Krause replaced Mrs. Hanneman as chairman. "During her time as chairman, she was instrumental in bring the party many victories."

In her first general election as GOP county leader, Republicans won seven of 11 countywide races, posting their best off-year election results in 30 years.

"I learned a great deal from her," Krause added. "She will be missed by all who knew her regardless of party affiliation."

Mrs. Hanneman had been involved in politics for several years. She and her husband, Charles, moved to Noble County in

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Jill Meeks

FREMONT — Jill C. Meeks, 52, of Fremont died Friday, July 16, 2004.

Mrs. Meeks was a homemaker. She enjoyed her family, reading and latch hook.

She was born Oct. 16, 1951, in Whitley County to Howard and Mary Esther (Weirick) Egly. They survive in Angola.

On May, 25, 1985, she married Roger Meeks. He survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Joey Jarrell of Angola, Kenneth Arney of Huntsville, Ala., and Scott Meeks of Fremont; and two brothers, Howard Egly Jr. and Phillip Egly.

Graveside services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Fremont Cemetery, Fremont. Pastor Marilyn Dunten will officiate.

There will be no calling.

Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Dorothy Hanneman

Mrs. Hanneman

WAWAKA — Dorothy "Dottie" A. Hanneman, 70, of Steinbarger Lake, former Noble County Republican chairwoman, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at 11:03 a.m. in her home.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Avilla.

Howard Tredway

FREMONT — Howard E. Tredway, 73, of Fremont died Thursday, July 15, 2004, at his home in Fremont.

Mr. Tredway had been employed as a baker, firefighter, Fremont police officer and a carpenter.

He was a member of American Legion Post 257 in Fremont and Korean Veterans Memorial in Fort Wayne.

He was born Feb. 4, 1931, in Freedom to Isaac and Katie (Cunningham) Tredway.

On April 9, 1955, he married K. Beth Burton. She preceded him in death in May 2002.

Surviving are two sons, James Tredway of Phoenix, Ariz., and Ray Tredway of Colon, Mich.; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He also was preceded in death by a daughter, Beth McNaughton.

Service will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Beams Funeral Home, 3170 E. S.R. 120, Fremont. Pastor Jon Bruney will officiate. Burial will be in Ray Cemetery, Fremont.

Calling will be Monday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Fremont Fire Department.

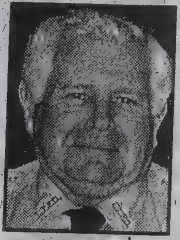
Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Dottie Scheurich** were held at 4 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Jim Kane officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kevin Franks, Mark Franks, Shaun Miller, Matt Wineland, Shannon Wineland, Nathan Wineland and Chad Grady.

ALBION — Services for **Richard A. Isaacs** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Father Babasino Fernandez and Father Eldon Miller officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery in Rome City. Pallbearers were Isaac Fox, Derek Fox, Brock McNelley, Robert Isaacs, Chris Gaetz and Fred Stamey. Honorary pallbearer was Caleb Winebrenner. Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Adams

COLUMBIA CITY — Raymond L. "Larry" Adams, 64, a Tri-Lakes resident, rural Columbia City, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital where he was admitted on June 30.


Mr. Adams

Mr. Adams drove a truck for Renners Express in Fort Wayne. He and his father operated Adams Appliance Store in Fort Wayne. In 1988, he moved the business to Columbia City and operated it there until his health failed in 2003.

Mr. Adams was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion and a 42-year member of Thorncreek Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He graduated from Central Catholic High School and continued his education at Indiana University in Fort Wayne. His formative years were spent in Fort Wayne. While growing up, he spent his summers with his family at Shriner Lake.

He was born Dec. 28, 1939, in Fort Wayne to Raymond O. and Dorothy (Shondell) Adams. They preceded him in death.

On May 18, 1978, he married Charlene D. (Douglas) Curtis. She survives. They had always made their home at Tri-Lakes.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth D. and Deb Adams and Matthew C. and Angie Adams, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny Jo and John Williams of Columbia City; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Lora L. and Rick Ware of Fort Wayne; 10 stepgrandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Ed Kaake of Carmel; and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Pat Adams of Fort Wayne.

He also was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Kim M. Bird.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, South S.R. 9, Albion, with Father Babasino Fernandes serving as celebrant. Burial will be in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith and Sons Funeral Home, 207 N. Main St., Columbia City, and at the church one hour before the service on Monday.

The Thorncreek Township Volunteer Fire Department will provide an Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Service Sunday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Care House Foundation Inc. at Goshen General Hospital.

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Overseas romance united Carlins

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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FREMONT — When Ohio native Larry Carlin went overseas with the Navy, he probably didn't guess he'd meet the woman who would share his life for more than four decades.

But that's exactly what happened.

While stationed in New Zealand, Larry met Betty McClintock, who lived there, while he was in a club on the base.

"I was maybe 21, I think, and she'd have been 22 or 23," Larry said.

The Carlins were able to celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary last November, but then Betty — who had been battling cancer for six years — succumbed on July 11, 2004. She was 65.

"She was tough," Larry said. "She was tough, and she wasn't a complainer."

A year after Larry and Betty met, they were married, and the two eventually came home to Fremont, where they raised their four children. Betty became active with the Angola VFW post, and even spent some years overseeing the operation of the kitchen there.

Karen Armey, who worked with Betty at the VFW, said it was hard to describe Betty in just a few words.

"I never knew anybody who met Betty and didn't love her," Karen said. "She was life itself ... she was so full of life, so happy."

Betty had no trouble making friends, even in a new country. She was a member of many clubs and organizations, including the Ya-Ya Sisterhood, the Angola Ladies of the Elks, the Eagles Lodge in Bryan, Ohio, and the Fremont Women of the Moose.

Larry agreed that his wife was all about doing things and being around people.

"She didn't like to go to sleep," he said with a smile in his voice. "She was so afraid she'd miss something."

Karen said people were drawn to Betty's energy, and also by the way she talked.

"She was from New Zealand, and she had an accent that everyone just loved," she said.

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Betty Carlin and her husband, Larry, spent many a New Year's Eve celebrating at the Angola VFW.

Phyllis Whittaker had worked with Betty in the VFW kitchen, and said she had "nothing but praise" for her.

"She was just so fun-loving," Phyllis said. "She did so much for the club."

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Greeley Shoup

EDGERTON, OHIO — Greeley D. "Babe" Shoup, 79, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 4:10 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2004, in Community Hospital and Wellness Center, Bryan, Ohio.

On March 26, 1925, in Union County, Ohio, he was born to Charles R. and Grace (Black) Shoup. He married Doris M. Kretzer on July 22, 1952, in Defiance County, Ohio. She survives.

He graduated from Riverwood High School, Ohio Northern University and University of Miami, and studied education at the University of Wisconsin and Bowling Green State University.

Mr. Shoup was a teacher and educator for 40 years in Edgerton Local Schools. He was an administrator for 26 years, coached varsity boys' basketball for 12 years, including the 1959 state championship team, coached varsity baseball for 11 years and assumed other coaching duties in Edgerton schools.

He was also a long-time athletic director for the school system, coached summer baseball, Little League Baseball, Pony League baseball and American Legion baseball.

Mr. Shoup was a World War II Navy veteran, serving from March 28, 1943, to March 18, 1946, and assigned to Air Transport Squadron 10 and 24 for two years and then reassigned to the Naval Air Base at Oakland, Calif.

He was a member and elder at the Trinity Bible Church in Edgerton, the Ohio Retired Teacher's Association, the Williams County Retired Teacher's Association and American Legion John D. Smith Post 10, Edgerton.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, LuAnn and William Boyer, Archbold, Ohio, and Lynda and Joseph Mack, Cincinnati, Ohio; a brother, Jon H. Shoup, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; a sister, Ilo Jeannette Hicks, Columbus, Ohio; and three grandchildren, Erik and Kristen Boyer and Anthony Mack.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, in Trinity Bible Church with Pastor Matt Brown officiating. Burial will be in Sherwood Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by American Legion John D. Smith Post 10.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to Shoupfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Eleanor Kistler

KENDALLVILLE — Eleanor M. Kistler, 74, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center, Kendallville.

Three daughters, Mary Melkus and Anita Kistler, both of Kendallville, and Doris Lower, Gainsville, Fla., are among her survivors.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Dottie Hanneman

WAWAKA — Dottie Hanneman, 70, of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, died at 11:03 a.m. Friday, July 16, 2004, from complications from lung cancer.

In Fort Wayne on Dec. 11, 1933, she was born to Robert and Mabel (Tindall) Dressel. Her mother survives in Wawaka. She married Chuck Hanneman on June 12, 1971, in Fort Wayne. He survives at home.

She was Noble County Republican Party Committee chairperson from 1997 to 2002. She also served as Allen County Republican Party precinct committeeperson and had worked as Allen County Deputy Recorder and Auditor.

Mrs. Hanneman served as ombudsman in the Fort Wayne Mayor Robert Armstrong administration and was assistant purchasing director in former Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke's administration.

She had lived in the Wawaka area for 12 years, having moved from Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two sons, Richard Zuber Jr., Columbia City, and Douglas Zuber, Waynedale; three daughters, Debbie Larson, Silver Bay, Minn., Denise Tadeo, Fort Wayne, and Dawn Zuber of Georgia; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her father, a brother, Donald Dressel, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, 530 N. Main St., Avilla, with calling from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the services.

In lieu of flowers family memorials are preferred.

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Veneta Curry

HAMILTON — Veneta Mae (Smith) Curry, 76, of Hamilton, died Friday, July 16, 2004, in Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

On Oct. 30, 1927, near Hamilton, she was born to Benjamin and Gertrude (Oberlin) Smith. She married Marion V. Curry on Nov. 19, 1989, in Fremont. He survives.

She was a registered nurse and spent 30 years at Cook County Hospital in Chicago.

Mrs. Curry graduated from Edon High School in 1945 and the Cook County School of Nursing in 1949. She received a bachelor of science degree and master's degree in Nursing Administration from the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Ill.

During her career she was a head nurse in the surgical department advancing to supervisor of surgical nursing. She was supervisor of nursing service from 1962-1967 and then became supervisor in medical-surgical specialties in the orthopedic unit. Mrs. Curry advanced to assistant divisional director of surgical nursing overseeing specialty units in neurosurgery, trauma, orthopedics and cardio-thoracic surgery.

Mrs. Curry joined Jay County Hospital in Portland as director of nursing services before retiring in 1987.

She was a former member of the Sweet Adelaines and loved caring for her pets.

Also surviving are two step-daughters and a step-son-in-law, Carol Trombley, Fort Myers, Fla., and Connie and Dick Wildey, Fort Wayne; three step-sons and step-daughters-in-law, Dan and Rhonda Curry, Montpelier, Ohio, Dennis and Julie Curry, Edon, Ohio, and Dale and Tanya Curry, Fort Wayne; 11 step-grandchildren; two nieces and their spouses, Sandra and Tom Walker, Hamilton, and Susan and Tom Wenzel, Fremont; two step-nieces; three step-nephews; a step-brother and his spouse, Lee and Bonnie Rude, Grayson, Ga.; and a step-sister and her spouse, Jean and Don Crull, Coldwater, Mich.

A brother, Lavon Smith, her step-father, Oren L. Rude, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday (Indiana time) in St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Edon, Ohio, with Pastor Daniel Beaudoin officiating. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Calling is today from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. (Indiana time) at Krill Funeral Home, Edon.

Memorials are to the Humane Society.

Condolences may be sent to Curryfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Brian Simmons

KENDALLVILLE — Brian L. Simmons, 46, of 314 Pine Cove Lane, Kendallville, died at 12:05 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Simmons

He was diagnosed with cancer in May 2004.

On Feb. 6, 1958, in Kendallville, he was born to Larry and Phyllis (Acker) Simmons, both of Kendallville. They survive.

Mr. Simmons was a lifetime Kendallville resident and worked at Uniform Printing from 1976 to 2003. He graduated from East Noble High School in 1976 and attended Faith United Methodist Church.

He enjoyed NASCAR racing and sports including the Chicago Cubs, Indiana Pacers and Indianapolis Colts. He was active in high school sports.

Also surviving are a daughter, Shalea Simmons, of Kendallville; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Jeffrey and Bobbi Simmons and Patrick and Sue Simmons, all of Butler, and Phillip Simmons, of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Mark Metz officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday and 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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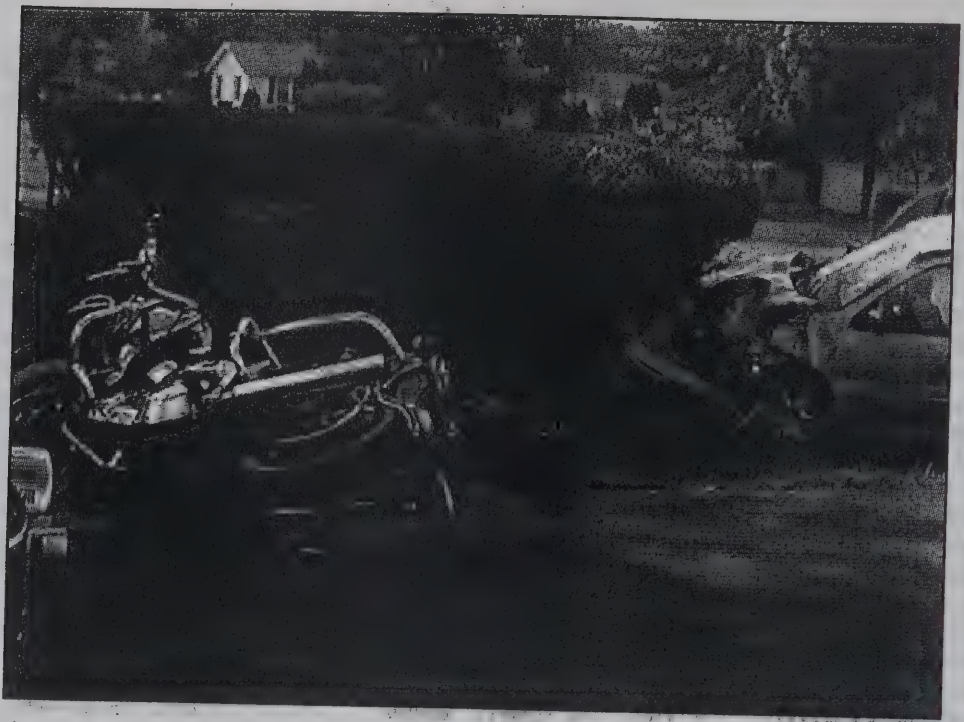

MAGGIE SHEPARD

An Elkhart woman was killed Sunday afternoon when the motorcycle she was driving collided with a minivan just north of LaGrange on S.R. 9.

Crash kills motorcyclist

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LAGRANGE — An Elkhart woman was killed Sunday afternoon when the motorcycle she was driving collided with a minivan just north of LaGrange.

Laurie A. Maxey, 41, and her husband were traveling north on S.R. 9 on separate motorcycles when around 4:20 p.m. her 2001 Harley-Davidson started to wobble and crossed into the southbound lane into the path of a minivan. The motorcycle collided with the minivan on the west shoulder of S.R. 9 at the C.R. 300N intersection. It looked as if the minivan was trying to avoid the motorcycle, LaGrange County Sheriff's Department Deputy Tom Clarkson said.

The 2000 Oldsmobile minivan careened down a slight embankment into some shrubs. The cycle lay smashed on the road.

Maxey was pronounced dead from massive head injuries. She was not wearing a helmet.

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Her husband witnessed the crash and watched police and emergency workers from the front yard of a nearby home. The LaGrange County Sheriff's Department chaplain was called to pray over Maxey and speak with the husband sitting stunned on the home's front porch.

Minivan driver Charles R. Arnold, 71, of Howe was not injured, but his unidentified passenger was taken to LaGrange Community Hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Maxey and her husband were not traveling with the group of about 150 motorcyclists participating in the LaGrange County 4-H Fair's first-ever motorcycle fun run that toured the county Sunday afternoon and had just passed through the area, Clarkson said.

"We just had 150 motorcycles go through there and they didn't have a problem," Clarkson said of the slightly wet road surface cited as a contributing factor in the accident report.

Police believe alcohol was not a factor, though tests are under way on Maxey's blood.

Speed was also not a factor in the crash. Police believe Maxey was traveling at about 48 mph at the time of impact.

When the first 911 call about the accident came in, LaGrange volunteer firefighters had to leave their site at the fair's mud drag to respond. The firefighters and LaGrange EMS had been in gear since about noon at the fair's race track as standby medical and emergency care for possibly injured mud drag drivers. No injuries were reported at the fair.

Deputies Don Faust and Brent Houser and Indiana State Police senior trooper Thomas Merkling are continuing an investigation of the accident.

Chester Haines

WATERLOO — Chester D. Haines, 65, of Waterloo died Saturday, July 17, 2004, in his home.

Mr. Haines

Mr. Haines worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the GE Volunteer Fire Department.

He loved antiques and attending auctions and garage sales. He also loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and car shows.

Born Nov. 25, 1938, in Kosciusko County, he was the son of Theodore and Ella Mae (Leinheart) Haines. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Bluffton.

On March 21, 1991, in Auburn, he married Deloris M. Keller. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Tom C. Haines of Waynedale; one daughter and a son-in-law, Jewel and Larry Landers of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Jerry and Lona Nusbaum of Garrett, and Terry and Kim Nusbaum of Hudson; four stepdaughters and their husbands, Teresa and Rick Huth, and Sandy and Allen Myers all of Auburn, and Monica and Regeina, both of Fort Wayne; one brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Nancy Haines of Tallahassee, Fla.; one sister and brother-in-law, Marge and Darrell Blair of Huntington; three grandchildren and several stepgrandchildren, nieces nephews, aunts and uncles.

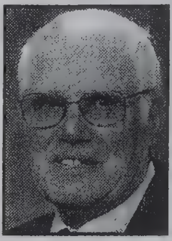
Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to are to Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Theodore Hurley

COLUMBIA CITY — Theodore Phillip "Phil" Hurley, 76, of Whitley County died at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. He was admitted there July 12.


Mr. Hurley

He was a dairy farmer and drove a school bus for Thorncreek School for many years. He was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ and the Wolf Lake Lions Club.

Mr. Hurley enjoyed showing registered purebred bulls at national bull shows.

He was born April 18, 1928, in North Manchester to Curtis L. and Alma A. (Royer) Hurley. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On May 9, 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Zelima. He was discharged on Feb. 18, 1948.

On April 2, 1948, he married Theodora B. "Fig" Trimmer. She died March 6, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Julia Hurley, Ted and Kay Hurley and Jeff Hurley, all of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Pettigrew and Joan and Jim Western, all of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Louis J. and Shirley Hurley of Kissimmee, Fla.; a sister, Mona Howard of North Judson; a special friend, Dee Miller of Wolf Lake; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell with Pastor Linn Bartling officiating. Burial will be in Wolf Lake Cemetery with military honors.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City and one hour prior to services Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Hospice Home or Sparta United Church of Christ.

Frieda Gingerich

SHIPSHEWANA — Frieda W. Gingerich, 54, of Shipshewana died at 5:25 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Elkhart General Hospital. She was in failing health for two years.

Mrs. Gingerich was a lifetime Shipshewna resident and a member of the Amish Church.

She was born July 22, 1949, in Elkhart to William S. and Ida (Kauffman) Mast. They are deceased. On May 11, 1972, she married Clarence B. Gingerich. He survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ben Allen and Lorene Gingerich of Shipshewana; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Barbara and Perry Miller of Middlebury and Wilma King of Middlebury; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ora W. and Barbara Ann Mast of Middlebury.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Ervin Raber residence in Shipshewana with Bishop Jerry Miller officiating. Burial will be in Naylor Cemetery.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today at the Ervin Raber residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Max Myers

ANGOLA — Max M. Myers, 81, of Angola died at 11:55 a.m. Sunday, July 18, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Myers lived in LaGrange most of his life and was retired from NIPSCO.

He was a member of American Legion Post 215, Masonic Lodge No. 236 F&AM in Angola and the Scottish Rite in South Bend.

He was born May 18, 1923, in LaGrange to Maynard and Esther (Elliott) Myers. On Dec. 14, 1946, in LaGrange, he married Phyllis C. Fought. She died Feb. 16, 1997.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Steven Dunlap of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James and Jane Myers of Angola and Michael M. Myers of LaGrange; and five grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a grandson, Corey Myers in 1981.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care.

Frurip-May Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Eleanor Kistler

Mrs. Kistler

KENDALLVILLE — Eleanor M. Kistler, 74, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

She retired in 1994 after 25 years of service with Taylor Made in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kistler loved playing cards and bingo with her friends.

She was born April 19, 1930, in Goshen to Elmer and May (Rink) Middaugh.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Jack Melkus of Kendallville and Anita and Ron Howard of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchidren.

She was preceded in death by a son, James Kistler, in 1959; a granddaughter, Rachael Lower; and a brother, Robert Middaugh.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in New Paris Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Robert Scott Hatfield

FREMONT — Robert Scott Hatfield, 41, of Fremont died Friday, July 16, 2004, in Branch County, Mich.

Mr. Hatfield was born Dec. 27, 1962, in Worthington, Minn., to Richard "Dick" and Rena Hatfield. He was married to Lee Ann Lantz in Fremont on Oct. 5, 1991, and she survives.

He was the owner, along with his wife, of Jungle Gym's Family Fun and Food restaurant in Angola. He was formerly employed as the senior vice president for Batson's Food Brokerage of Detroit, and managed the company's Indiana-Ohio-Kentucky regional office in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Drake University in Des Moines. He served an internship in U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley's office while attending American University. He attended the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael and Alexander Hatfield, both of Fremont; a daughter, Molly Hatfield of Fremont; his parents, Richard and Rena Hatfield of Burlington, Iowa; a sister and brother-in-law, Kimberly and Cliff Gray of Quincy, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey and Liz Hatfield of Des Moines; his mother-in-law, Kathy Lantz; his grandparents-in-law, Thelma and Max Mitchell; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Tom and Julie Lantz and Steve and Leslie Lantz; a sister-in-law and her husband, Paige and Mark Dornte; four nieces and three nephews.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Fremont United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the memorial scholarship fund for the Hatfield children's education.

Darrin O'Brien

FREMONT — Darrin G. O'Brien, 73, of Fremont died at 10:15 a.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at his home.

Mr. O'Brien was a chef with Grayhound Foods in Warren, Mich.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served from Jan. 31, 1951, to April 7, 1955, during the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Detroit, Mich., to Michael and Stella (McDonell) O'Brien. In 1979, in Madison Heights, Mich., he married Sharon Brenton. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Gerald Force of Warren, Mich.; a son, Shane Layne of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Father Kevin O'Brien of Novi, Mich., and Michael O'Brien of Kathleen, Fla.; a good friend, Lois Carter of Fremont; and two granddaughters, Bailey Scholtus and Sarah Scholtus.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Eldon O'Brien.

Services will be held in Novi, Mich.

There is no local calling.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Rhea

KENDALLVILLE — Mary L. Rhea, 67, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne,

Mrs. Rhea retired as a teacher's aide from East Noble School Corp.

She was born Jan. 26, 1937, in Steuben County to Ellis and Irma (Zonker) Wisel. She graduated from Riverdale High School in St. Joe in 1955.

On April 28, 1962, in Kendallville, she married Albert L. Rhea. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Allen Rhea of Albion and Andrew Rhea of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Trina and Brian Gruszczyk of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a sister, Marge Brattain of Palatine, Ill.; and a grandson, Joshua Gruszczyk of Murfreesboro.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Korrine Koeder, and three brothers, Burdette Wisel, Daniel Wisel and Neal Wisel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society of Noble County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Virginia Heim

SPENCERVILLE — Virginia L. (Noel) Heim, 74, of Spencerville, died Monday, July 19, 2004, at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Heim

A native of Kansas City, Kan., she was a homemaker, enjoyed cross stitching and loved animals. She was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church of Harlan, where she was active in the choir and took care of the church bulletin board.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. David W. Heim and Hope Osborn of Warsaw and John C. and Lynn Heim of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Susan C. and Richard Musser of St. Joe and Judith L. and Richard Huber of Auburn; a brother, Lloyd Noel Jr. of Spencerville; and 19 grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Herbert C. Heim, in 1994, and a son, Michael, in 1980.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 18330 S.R. 37, Harlan, with burial in Leo Cemetery.

Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice or Cancer Services of Allen County.

Shirley Lobdell

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley J. Lobdell, 69, of Kendallville died Monday, July 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

Mildred Newnam

ANGOLA — Mildred D. "Dixie" Newnam, 90, of Angola died Sunday, July 18, 2004, while listening to gospel music with her son and daughter at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Mrs. Newnam was born Sept. 7, 1913, in Autryville, N.C., to George H. and JoAnn (Hall) Lewis. She was married to Max Newnam at Niagara Falls, N.Y., on March 26, 1937. He died on Sept. 19, 2002.

The Newnams owned and operated Newnam Tire Service in Angola.

Mrs. Newnam was a 65-year member of the Angola Christian Church. She was a past president and member of the Ladies Aid Society, Ladies Bible Study, Ladies Luncheon Group and Prayer Chain. She was a member of the Past Sorosis Literacy Club, a charter member of the Angola Women's Club, Jamestown Extension Homemakers and the Angola Garden Club. She was an avid bridge player.

Surviving are a son, Louis Newnam of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Douglas Barton of Angola; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Eva Utley, and a brother, John Lewis.

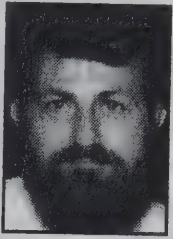
Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor James Hulbert officiating. Calling will be one hour before services in Thursday.

Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Max Cole

LIGONIER — Max R. "Babe" Cole, 61, of Ligonier died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at his home.


Mr. Cole

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Cole retired from Essex Wire/United Technology where he was plant superintendent.

He was a member of Ligonier Church of Christ.

Mr. Cole served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Pierceton American Legion Post 258. He loved to play golf and was a member of Limberlost Golf Club. He was proud of scoring a "hole in one" and winning a number of amateur golf tournaments. He also enjoyed coon hunting.

He was born March 9, 1943, in Pierceton to Raymond M. and T. Irene (Fawley) Cole. On Feb. 4, 1966, in Noble County, he married Phyllis Whitaker. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Ray Cole of Ligonier; a daughter, Angela Rena Stutzman of Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Elsie Cole of South Whitley and Rex E. and Phyllis Cole of Albion; and three grandchildren, Derek Bentley, Mitch Bentley and Mason Stutzman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brian Max Cole.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ligonier Church of Christ or Shiloh Baptist Church.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct information provided to the newspaper.*

Chester Haines

WATERLOO — Chester D. Haines, 65, of Waterloo died Saturday, July 17, 2004 in his home.

Mr. Haines worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne for 28 years, retiring in 1994. He was a member of the GE Volunteer Fire Department.

He loved antiques and attending auctions and garage sales. He also loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting and car shows.

Born Nov. 25, 1938, in Kosciusko County, he was the son of Theodore and Ella Mae (Leinheart) Haines. His father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Bluffton.

On March 21, 1991, in Auburn, he married Deloris M. Keller. She survives.

Also surviving are one son, Tom C. Haines of Waynedale; one daughter and a son-in-law, Jewel and Larry Landers of Fort Wayne; two stepsons and their wives, Jerry and Lona Nusbaum of Garrett, and Terry and Kim Nusbaum of Hudson; four stepdaughters and their husbands, Teresa and Rick Huth, and Sandy and Allen Myers all of Auburn, and Monica and Regeina, both of Fort Wayne; one brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Nancy Haines of Tallahassee, Fla.; one sister and brother-in-law, Marge and Darrell Blair of Huntington; three grandchildren and several step-grandchildren, nieces nephews, aunts and uncles.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Susan Socha will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials to are to Parkview Noble Hospice in Kendallville.

Thomas Bins

AVILLA — Thomas W. Bins, 75, of Avilla died Sunday, July 19, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Bins served as vice president of marketing at Magnavox Corp. for 25 years before retiring in 1988.

He was a native of Houghton, Mich., and a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Nancy Pollard of Fort Wayne, Margaret and Jeff Anderson of New Haven, Catherine and Michael Leonard of Butler, Mary and Paul Fritz of Anderson and Teresa and Gene Lash of Ashley; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul and Shelly Bins of Clearwater, Fla., and John Bins of Sanford, N.C.; a sister, Sister Vera Chester of St. Paul, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 9 a.m. Wednesday at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Sisters of St. Joseph Retirement Fund, St. Paul Province, 1884 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished to correct an error.*

Richard Hatfield

FREMONT — Richard Scott Hatfield, 41, of Fremont died Friday, July 16, 2004, in Branch County, Mich.

Mr. Hatfield was born Dec. 27, 1962, in Worthington, Minn., to Richard "Dick" and Rena Hatfield. He was married to Lee Ann Lantz in Fremont on Oct. 5, 1991, and she survives.

He was the owner, along with his wife, of Jungle Gym's Family Fun and Food restaurant in Angola. He was formerly employed as the senior vice president for Batson's Food Brokerage of Detroit, and managed the company's Indiana-Ohio-Kentucky regional office in Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was a graduate of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Drake University in Des Moines. He served an internship in U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley's office while attending American University. He attended the Fremont United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are two sons, Michael and Alexander Hatfield, both of Fremont; a daughter, Molly Hatfield of Fremont; his parents, Richard and Rena Hatfield of Burlington, Iowa; a sister and brother-in-law, Kimberly and Cliff Gray of Quincy, Ill.; a brother and sister-in-law, Jeffrey and Liz Hatfield of Des Moines; his mother-in-law, Kathy Lantz; his grandparents-in-law, Thelma and Max Mitchell; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Tom and Julie Lantz and Steve and Leslie Lantz; a sister-in-law and her husband, Paige and Mark Dornte; four nieces and three nephews.

Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Fremont United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the memorial scholarship fund for the Hatfield children's education.

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Darrin O'Brien

FREMONT — Darrin "O.B." G. O'Brien, 73, of Fremont died at 10:15 a.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at his home.

Mr. O'Brien was a chef with Greyhound Foods in Warren, Mich.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served from Jan. 31, 1951, to April 7, 1955, during the Korean War.

He was born Sept. 1, 1930, in Detroit, Mich., to Michael and Stella (McDonell) O'Brien. In 1979, in Madison Heights, Mich., he married Sharon Brenton. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shelly and Gerard Force of Warren, Mich.; a son, Shane Layne of Las Vegas, Nev.; two brothers, Father Kevin O'Brien of Novi, Mich., and Michael and Kathleen O'Brien of Florida; a good friend, Lois Carter of Fremont; and two granddaughters, Bailey Scholtus and Sarah Scholtus.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Eldon O'Brien.

Services will be in Novi, Mich.

There is no local calling.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

LaMar Emerick

FREMONT — LaMar C. Emerick, 86, of Fremont died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. Emerick was born in Fremont on Nov. 7, 1917, to Lyle and Mary (Huffman) Emerick. He married Leona Albright on Sept. 20, 1941, in Coldwater, Mich., and she survives.

He was a farmer. He was employed at the Steuben County Co-op, and retired in 1980.

He was a member of the Fremont School Board from 1970-78. He was a former Clear Lake Township Advisory Board member. He was a member of Zion Missionary Church in Fremont, and was a member of the former York United Methodist Church.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Richard L. and Karen Emerick of Fort Wayne, Stephen D. and Brenda Emerick of Longmont, Colo., and Craig L. and Christine Emerick of Angola; two daughters and sons-in-law, Linda K. and Gene Force of Montgomery, Mich., and Joanna M. and John Jerraid of Fort Wayne; 15 grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a niece; and a nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Marcia Worral; a great-grandson, Alexander Jordon; and a sister, Margaret Kaufman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney and the Rev. Keith Schreffler officiating. Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Burial will be in Teeters Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Zion Missionary Church or Teeters Cemetery Association.

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Fannie Thompson

CROMWELL — Fannie E. Thompson, 65, of Cromwell died at 8:04 p.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Thompson

Mrs. Thompson was a homemaker and formerly lived in Columbia City, Laud, Fort Wayne and Toledo, Ohio.

She was born Sept. 1, 1938, in Fort Wayne to John and Jenny Etta (LeMaster) Hurst. She attended Fort Wayne Community Schools.

On Dec. 10, 1979, in Cromwell, she married Arthur D. Thompson. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Rose Sabin of Cromwell and Brian and Teresa Sabin of Syracuse; a stepson and his wife, Randall and Rachell Thompson of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Elsie Fett of Wesley, Iowa, Dorothy Emberlin of Payson, Ariz., and Joan Sabin of Grand Rapids, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Roger Allen Sabin; a sister, Mary Simmons; and a brother, John Hurst Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. James Clifford of Laud Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Laud Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoney-grimes.com.

Lois Smith

FORT WAYNE — Lois Jean Smith, 84, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 19, 2004, at Regency Place in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smith was a LaOtto native.

She had been a waitress at the Sears Coffee Shop, retiring in 1977.

Surviving are three sons, Max A. Smith of Hudson, Lynn C. Smith of Fort Wayne and Terry L. Smith of Fort Wayne; a brother, Vern "Bud" Christlieb of Fort Wayne; a sister, Vera M. Archbold of Ossian; nine grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George M. Smith, in 2001; and a daughter, Connie L. Jackson, in 2002.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home. Entombment will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Betty Pratt

KIMMELL — Betty Joan Pratt, 75, of Kimmell died Monday, July 19, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Pratt

Mrs. Pratt was retired from Starcraft RV. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, playing bingo and had been on a bowling team. She was a die-hard Cubs fan.

Mrs. Pratt was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Chicago, Ill., to George A. and Nellie M. (Baker) Leatherman. On March 10, 1954, in Jacksonville, Fla., she married William M. "Mackie" Pratt. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Billy M. and Katie Pratt of Kimmell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Melissa J. and Rich Roush of Fort Wayne and Leeanne S. Peirce of Kimmell; a sister, Gloria J. Beckner of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Alton Leatherman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the U.S. Navy Memorial, Box 12728, Arlington, VA 22209.

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Shirley Lobdell

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley J. Lobdell, 69, of Kendallville died Monday, July 19, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Lobdell

She had been employed at various locations in Kendallville, including J.C. Penney, G.C. Murphy, Essex Wire, Brach's Candies, Colwell and King-Seely. She had also been a housekeeper for the Dekko family.

Mrs. Lobdell was a member of the Kendallville Women of the Moose Chapter 730 and since 1962 was a College of Regents member. She had held all local lodge offices.

She was born March 14, 1935, in LaGrange to Charles Edward and Esther Lucille (Aukerman) Wymer.

She was a 1954 graduate of Kendallville High School.

On Oct. 14, 1972, in Kendallville, she married William E. Lobdell. He died Nov. 22, 1980.

Surviving are a stepson and his wife, Thomas and Terri Lobdell of Lincoln, Neb.; three stepdaughters, Jane Jacob of Kendallville, Laura Lobdell of Kendallville, and Becky Mumma of Garrett; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ruth Austin of Fort Wayne, Patricia and Robert Easterday of Kendallville, and Nancy and Robert Myers of Warren, Ohio; four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Charles B. and Gloria Wymer of Churubusco, Richard L. and Sharon Wymer of Frankton, Gary and Carol Wymer of Avilla, and Dennis Wymer of Kendallville; and three stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Flickenger officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home with a Women of the Moose service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Moose charities.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Phil Sheeler

COLUMBIA CITY — Phil Larue Sheeler, 87, of Columbia City died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at 10:40 p.m. in Miller's Merry Manor at Columbia City.

He had worked as an office clerk at International Harvester for more than 40 years.

He was a 1935 graduate of South Whitley High School and studied at International Business College in Fort Wayne. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941 and served as a Yeoman 1st Class on the aircraft carrier USS Tripoli until his honorable discharge in 1945. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where he held various offices, and its men's club.

Mr. Sheeler was born March 16, 1917, in Columbia City to Glen and Alma (Auer) Sheeler.

He married C. Bernadine "Bea" Kraemer on Feb. 28, 1945, in Alexandria, Va. They resided in Fort Wayne until May 1948, when they moved to their present home in Columbia Township. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Ray and Lois Sheeler of Dallas; two daughters and a son-in-law, Susan and Ted Smith of Bluffton and Carla Emig of Louisville, Ky.; a daughter-in-law, Cheryl Sheeler of Auburn; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and a sister, Betty Kresky of Toms River, N.J.

Preceding him in death were his parents; one son, Gary L. Sheeler; and a grandson, Travis R. Sheeler.

Services will be Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in St. John's Lutheran Church on West Keiser Road, Columbia City. Burial will be in St. Peter's Cemetery in rural Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2:30 to 4 and 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, and after 10 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to the St. John's Lutheran Church or its building fund.

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Irene Stowe

PLEASANT LAKE — Irene Z. Stowe, 83, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Stowe was born June 6, 1921, in Traverse City, Mich., to John and Maude (Hoxie) Hockett. She was married to H. John Stowe on Oct. 27, 1944, and he survives.

She was a manager and waitress at The Town House restaurant in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Michael Stowe of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Agnes K. McLaughlin of Tennessee; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a grandson, Troy Stowe.

Private family services are planned.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Phillip Shulze

FORT WAYNE — Phillip H. Shulze, 88, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 19, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He retired in 1976 after 40 years with General Electric Co. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a 1934 graduate of Elmhurst High School.

Surviving are his wife, Margie Shulze of Fremont; a daughter, Theresa Amans of Fort Wayne; a son, Jack Shulze of Ashley; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Phillip Greg Shulze, two brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday with calling two hours prior to the service at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Diabetes Foundation or the American Heart Association.

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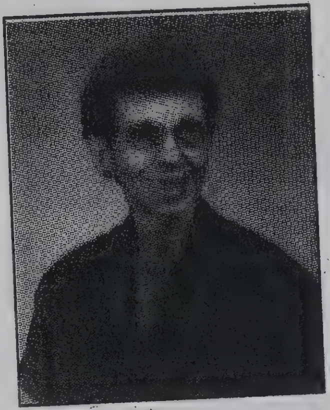
Former GOP chair dies

by Joy LeCount

WAWAKA — Dorothy (Dottie) Hanneman, who as Noble County Republican chairwoman guided GOP candidates through several election victories during her five-year tenure, has lost her two year battle with lung cancer. Dottie died at her Steinbarger Lake home Friday.



Dottie Hanneman

Although Mrs. Hanneman, 70, had resigned as chairwoman in December 2002 after her condition was diagnosed as terminal, she continued to work behind the scenes lending her political savvy and her “spunk.”

Mrs. Hanneman’s zeal for politics, her love for her country and her hard work were a winning combination. During her first general election as GOP chair, Republicans won seven of the 11 county contests in an off-year election — the best showing in nearly 30 years. And that was just the start of things to come. City and town elections across the county were won by Republicans over the next five years, too.

“Dottie was a motivator in a kind way,” said Marilyn Morr of Albion, who was a friend and served as president of the Noble County Republican Women under Hanneman’s leadership. “We were good friends. Dottie was probably the best friend I ever had.”

“She did more for the Republican Party than anyone I can remember,” Morr continued. “She was strong willed, but she knew how to use it for positive results. It takes a lot of ambition and dedication to be a good party chairperson.”

Dottie and Charles (Chuck) Hanneman moved to Noble County from Allen County in 1989. They brought a lot of political experience with them and were soon in the thick of things politically in their new community.

Mrs. Hanneman served as vice chairman of the Noble County GOP under former chairman Lewis Moser. In March 1997, she defeated Moser for the post and was elected to another four-year term in 2001.

Mrs. Hanneman was instrumental in encouraging Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe to seek that office in 1999 when Handshoe was unsuccessful. Although no longer GOP chair, Dottie and Chuck Hanneman provided behind the scenes encouragement for Handshoe’s second and victorious campaign in 2003.

Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman recalls the encouragement and support he received from them during his 2002 campaign.

‘Beginning early in 2002, when I was pondering running for sheriff, I met with Dottie and Chuck, and they helped me get the ball rolling. Throughout the campaign they provided tremendous encouragement and were very supportive. When things were down, they kept me motivated, offering insights and pointers which helped.”

Dottie Hanneman

WAWAKA — Dottie Hanneman, 70, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at her home on Steinbarger Lake from complications of lung cancer.

She was born December 11, 1933, in Fort Wayne to Robert Dressel and Mabel (Tindall) Dressel.

On June 12, 1971, she was married to Chuck Hanneman in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hanneman had been the chairperson of the Noble County Republican Committee from 1997-2002. She had served as Allen County GOP precinct committeeman and had worked as a Deputy Recorder and Auditor for Allen County. She had also served as ombudsman in the Administration of former Mayor Robert Armstrong and was assistant purchasing director in the administration of the former Mayor Paul Helmke.

Coming from Fort Wayne, the Hanneman’s have been local residents for the past 12 years.

Surviving relatives include her husband, Chuck Hanneman of Wawaka; her mother, Mabel Dressel of Wawaka; two sons, Richard Zuber, Jr of Columbia City, and Douglas Zuber of Waynedale; three daughters, Debbie Larson of Silver Bay, MN, Denise Tadeo of Fort Wayne, and Dawn Zuber of Georgia; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert Dressel and brother Donald Dressel.

Services were held Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Chapel, Avilla.

In lieu of flowers, family memorials are preferred.

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Vearl Gaff

WOLF LAKE — Vearl V. Gaff, 78, of Wolf Lake died Monday, July 12, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange, Calif. He had been visiting his daughter, Ann Graft, and her family.

Mr. Gaff had lived in Noble County until moving to Phoenix, Ariz., and later to Illinois following his marriage. He returned to Noble County in 1971 and had resided at Wolf Lake since 1972.

He was employed at Weatherhead in Columbia City for several years and later at Syracuse. He had also been employed at Essex in Columbia City and had driven RVs for Rockwood in Goshen.

Mr. Gaff was affiliated with Ormas Baptist Church and was a member of Cromwell Masonic Lodge 705 F&AM.

He was born May 17, 1926, in LaGrange to Laurel D. and Hilda D. (Leitch) Gaff. On April 22, 1945, he married Frances Jane Piper. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Jannie Sue Robert of North Manchester, Ann and Doug Graft of Villa Park, Calif., and Janice Kay and Terry Zorger of North Manchester; a son, James Vearl Gaff of Helena, Mich.; a brother, Allen Gaff of South Whitley; two sisters, Virginia Linvill of Auburnville, Fla., and Doris Paulus of Leesburg; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Ormas Baptist Church with the Rev. Michael Allen of Ormas Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Thorn Cemetery at Ormas.

Memorials are to Ormas Baptist Church or the American Diabetes Association.

Max Cole

LIGONIER — Max R. "Babe" Cole, 61, of Ligonier died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at his home.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Cole retired from Essex Wire/United Technology where he was plant superintendent.

He was a member of Ligonier Church of Christ.

Mr. Cole served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Pierceton American Legion Post 258. He loved to play golf and was a member of Limberlost Golf Club. He was proud of scoring a "hole in one" and winning a number of amateur golf tournaments. He also enjoyed coon hunting.

He was born March 9, 1943, in Pierceton to Raymond M. and T. Irene (Fawley) Cole. On Feb. 4, 1966, in Noble County, he married Phyllis Whitaker. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Ray Cole of Ligonier; a daughter, Angela Rena Stutzman of Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Elsie Cole of South Whitley and Rex E. and Phyllis Cole of Albion; and three grandchildren, Derek Bentley, Mitch Bentley and Mason Stutzman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brian Max Cole.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ligonier Church of Christ or Shiloh Baptist Church

Mary Rhea

KENDALLVILLE — Mary L. Rhea, 67, of Kendallville died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Rhea retired as a teacher's aide from East Noble School Corp.

She was born January 26, 1937, in Steuben County to Ellis and Irma (Zonker) Wisel. She graduated from Riverdale High School in St. Joe in 1955.

On April 28, 1962, in Kendallville, she married Albert L. Rhea. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Allen Rhea of Albion and Andrew Rhea of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Trina and Brian Gruszczyk of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; a sister, Marge Brattain of Palatine, Ill.; and a grandson, Joshua Gruszczyk of Murfreesboro.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Korrine Koeder, and three brothers, Burdette Wisel, Daniel Wisel and Neal Wisel.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society of Noble County.

Ary M. Gibson

COLUMBIA CITY – Ary M. Gibson, age 91, of 5440 S 600 W-57, Columbia City, IN 46725 died at noon, Tuesday, July 13, 2004 at the Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, IN. She was born on July 4, 1913 in Kosciusko County, IN to Orson and Mary (Roberts) Carmin.

She has spent her entire lifetime in the Whitley County area. She attended the Columbia City schools and married Claris E. "Hoot" Gibson on February 23, 1925 in Paulding County, Ohio. She first worked at Blue Bell, Columbia CIty, IN and then became an O. B. Aide for 26 years at the Whitley County Hospital. She also assisted her husband in the general operation of the Warsaw Race Track.

She is survived by 2 sons, Merlin E. (Pat) Gibson of Columbia City, IN and Richard L. (Pat) Gibson of Phoenix, AZ; 2 daughters, Margery (Doyle) Weigold and Marilyn (Jerry) Smith both of Columbia City, IN; 2 sisters, Mary A. Kitson and Arlene Wince both of Columbia City, IN; 15 grandchildren, 33 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Claris E. "Hoot" Gibson, 1 son, Charles Gibson, and 2 brothers, Leon F. and Omer M. Carmin.

Private family visitation will be held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2004 at the DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN. Public graveside services will be held at the Stough Cemetery, Etna Road and 50 W, Columbia City, IN at 2:00 p.m. Friday, July 16, 2004 with Pastor Curtiss Johnson, retired pastor of Community Bible Church, officiating. Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Gibson's memory to the O.B. Department of Parkview Whitley Hospital, Columbia City, IN. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. For additional obituary information, sending condolences, or signing the guest register book, please log on to www.demoneygrimes. com.

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Raymond Adams

COLUMBIA CITY — Raymond L. "Larry" Adams, 64, a Tri-Lakes resident, rural Columbia City, died Thursday, July 15, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital where he was admitted on June 30.

He was born December 28, 1939, in Fort Wayne, a son of Raymond O. and Dorothy (Shondell) Adams. His formative years were spent in Fort Wayne. While growing up, he spent his summers with his family at Shriner Lake. He graduated from Central Catholic High School and continued his education at Indiana University in Fort Wayne.

On May 18, 1978, he was united in marriage to Charlene D. (Douglas) Curtis. They have always made their home at Tri-Lakes.

Mr. Adams drove a truck for Renners Express in Fort Wayne. He and his father operated Adams Appliance Store in Fort Wayne. In 1988, he moved the business to Columbia City and operated it there until his health failed in 2003.

Mr. Adams was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion and a 42-year member of Thorncreek Township Volunteer Fire Department.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Charlene; two sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth D. and Deb Adams and Matthew C. and Angie Adams, all of Columbia City; a daughter and son-in-law, Penny Jo and John Williams of Columbia City; a stepdaughter and stepson-in-law, Lora L. and Rick Ware of Fort Wayne; 10 stepgrandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Susan and Ed Kaake of Carmel; and a brother and sister-in-law, David and Pat Adams of Fort Wayne.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Kim M. Bird.

Services were held Monday, July 19, 2004, at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Albion, with Father Babasino Fernandes serving as celebrant. Burial was in the Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

The Thorncreek Township Volunteer Fire Department provided an Indiana Volunteer Firefighters Service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Care House Foundation Inc. at Goshen General Hospital.

Joan Lash

GARRETT — Joan E. Lash, 80, of Garrett died Wednesday, July 14, 2004.

She was a lifetime area resident. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

She was born January 4, 1924, in Avilla the daughter of Herman and Mary (Lemper) Lash.

Surviving are four daughters, Susan Scanlon of Auburn, Diane Evans of San Diego, Calif., Patricia Wiant of Garrett and Rebecca Thrush of Waterloo; a brother, Louis Lash of Avilla; five sisters, Evelyn Evers of Kentland, Theresa Parker of Auburn, Phyllis Heffner of Elkhart, Jean Ley of Avilla and Ruth Marti of Mentune, Ill.; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Albert Lash, Harold Lash and John Lash.

Services were held Saturday, July 17, 2004, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School.

Thomas Bins

LIGONIER — Thomas W. Bins, 75, of Avilla died Sunday, July 19, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Bins served as vice president of marketing at Magnavox Corp. for 25 years before retiring in 1988.

He was a native of Houghton, Mich., and a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Dorothy, a resident of Provena Sacred Heart Home; five daughters and four sons-in-law, Nancy Pollard of Fort Wayne, Margaret and Jeff Anderson of New Haven, Catherine and Michael Leonard of Butler, Mary and Paul Fritz of Anderson and Teresa and Gene Lash of Ashley; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul and Shelly Bins of Clearwater, Fla., and John Bins of Sanford, N.C.; a sister, Sister Vera Chester of St. Paul, Minn.; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. Burial was in Catholic Cemetery.

Terry Carpenter

FORT WAYNE — Terry L. Carpenter, 62, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at his home.

A native of Hamilton, he was a truck driver.

Surviving are his wife, Connie J. Carpenter of Fort Wayne; two sons, Donald and Chuck Carpenter; stepchildren David Bacon of Fort Wayne, Cory Horn of Avilla, Chantell Sharpe of Avilla, and John Horn of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; a sister, Lucy Albright of Florida; and a niece, Linda Eckerley of Decatur.

Services were held Friday, July 16, 2004, at D.O. McComb & Sons Foster Park Funeral Home.

Memorials are to the family or Visiting Nurse and Hospice.

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Theodore Phillip Hurley

COLUMBIA CITY — Theodore Phillip "Phil" Hurley, 76, a resident of Thorncreek Township, Whitley County, died Saturday, July 17, 2004, at the Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne where he was admitted on Monday, July 12.

He was born April 18, 1928, in North Manchester, a son of Curtis L. and Alma A. (Royer) Hurley. In the early 1930's, his family moved to Noble County. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School. In 1946, his family moved to a farm in Thorncreek Township.

On May 9, 1946, he enlisted in the United States Navy, serving on the U.S.S. Zelima during World War II. He was honorably discharged February 18, 1948.

On April 2, 1948, he was united in marriage to Theodora B. "Fig" Trimmer. They have always made their home on the Hurley farm in Thorncreek Township. Mrs. Hurley died March 6, 2002.

In addition to dairy farming, he drove school bus for Thorncreek School for many years, He enjoyed traveling the country showing registered purebred bulls at National Bull Shows.

He was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ and Wolf Lake Lions Club.

Surviving relatives include three sons, David (Julia) Hurley, Ted (Kay) Hurley, and Jeff Hurley; two daughters, Linda Pettigrew and Joan (Jim) Western, all of columbia City; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Louis J. (Shirley) Hurley of Kissimmee, Florida; a sister, Mona Howard of North Judson/ and a special friend, Dee Miller of Wolf Lake.

The funeral service was held Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell with Pastor Linn Bartling officiating.

Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery with military honors presented at the cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Hospice Home or Sparta United Church of Christ.

Barbara Pranger

CHURUBUSCO — Barbara E. Pranger, 74, of rural Churubusco died at 9:20 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been hospitalized since a traffic accident in Allen County July 13.

Mrs. Pranger

Mrs. Pranger was a homemaker and was an Avon representative for several years. She had also been employed in the jewelry department at L.S. Ayres and at Super Market Services.

She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church. She enjoyed swimming, fishing and cooking. She and her husband enjoyed spending the winter months in Sebring, Fla.

Mrs. Pranger was born Nov. 8, 1929, in Allen County to Joseph and Eloise (Ardern) McGuire. She grew up in Green Township in Noble County. On Aug. 23, 1952, in Whitley County, she married Donald M. Pranger. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Donald B. Pranger of Churubusco; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Geiger of Churubusco and Joan and Walter Keller of Churubusco; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James and Jean McGuire of Churubusco and Robert and Janet McGuire of Merriam; and three grandchildren, David Pranger, Andy Pranger and Elizabeth Pranger.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Saturday.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Mercile Buuck

GARRETT — Mercile S. "Marty" Buuck, 77 of Garrett died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A former resident of Fort Wayne, she was employed by Lincoln Bank in Fort Wayne for 10 years, retiring in 1989. She was a member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born June 25, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Charles and Emma (Saalfrank) Nord.

She married Vernon H. Buuck on April 19, 1947, in Fort Wayne. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are three daughters, Sandra K. Derloshon of Garrett, Sharon L. Bredemeyer of Fort Wayne, and Susan M. Rodewald of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be Friday from 3 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association, 7363 E. 21st St., Indianapolis, IN 46219.

Mary Jo Freeman

GARRETT — Mary Jo Freeman, 73, of Garrett died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at 7:12 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Freeman

Mrs. Freeman was a 45-year Garrett resident and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean conflict.

She retired from Essex/Hamil-ton Standard in 1987 after 15 years of service. She was a member of the Garrett Eagles and a former Girl Scout leader.

Born June 28, 1931, in Uniontown, Kan., she was the daughter of Fred and Josephine (Abbott) Swink. Her parents preceded her in death.

While serving in the U.S. Army, she married Malcolm N. Freeman on Jan. 18, 1957, in Bremerhaven, Germany. He died March 16, 1990.

Surviving are three daughters, Rebecca Mullins of Garrett, Louane Isham of Auburn, and Joan Bentley of Clearwater, Kan.; a son, William Freeman of Clearfield, Utah; four grandsons, Chris Bailey, Donald Junior Bailey, Jason Bailey and Richard Isham; five granddaughters, Amelia Isham, Joni Isham, Kimberly Isham, Erin Freeman, and Lindsey Freeman; and seven great-grandchildren.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich.

There will be no calling.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Lynn Sassmannshausen

FORT WAYNE — Lynn J. Sassmannshausen, 61, of Fort Wayne died at 5:45 a.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sassmannshausen spent more than 30 years in teaching ministry of the Lutheran church. Most of those years were spent teaching seventh grade at Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran School. Her ability to set the bar high, love and motivate were her hallmarks.

She had received a bachelor's degree from Valparaiso University and a master's degree from Indiana University.

She was a strong Christian and a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church and also attended Trinity English Lutheran Church.

She was born Aug. 28, 1942, in Chicago, Ill., to Martin A. and Dorothea (Seilef) Breischke. Her mother survives in Arlington Heights, Ill., and her father is deceased. On Jan. 25, 1964, she married Walter B. "Skip" Sassmannshausen Jr. He survives.

Also surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Jeffrey and Loretta Sassmannshausen and Dr. Gregory and Jill Sassmannshausen, all of Fort Wayne; a brother, Martin Brieschke of Prospect, Ky.; two sisters, Melodie Streich of Detroit, Mich., and Lori Seal of Schaumburg, Ill.; and five grandchildren, Connor, Carsen, Hannah, Luke and Jacob.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Thomas Egghold officiating. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Emmanuel St. Michael Lutheran School or to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Michael Bienz

ANGOLA — Michael J. Bienz, 52, of Angola died Tuesday, July 20, 2004 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bienz was born in Angola to Arthur E. and Dorothy (Petre) Bienz. He was a Class A machinist. He married Geannie Sharp on Oct. 31, 1993, in Fort Wayne, and she survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Dorothy Bienz of Angola; two sons, Brian and Timothy Bienz, both of Blairsville, Pa.; a daughter, Heather Bienz of New Castle, Pa.; and two stepdaughters, Ginny King of Tekonsha, Mich., and Jenny Gillette of New Castle.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1982.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, Angola. Calling will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Steuben County.

Memorials are to the family.

L. Bernice Wilkinson

COLUMBIA CITY — L. Bernice Wilkinson, 99, of Columbia City died at 9:27 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Wilkinson graduated in 1923 from Wolcottville High School and moved to South Bend where she was employed at the Ball Band shoe factory and the Bendix watch factory.

She was born May 28, 1905, in LaGrange to Squire Oren and Nellie May (Coney) Brown. Her maternal grandparents, William Coney and Elizabeth Pant, immigrated as children to LaGrange County from Middle Rasen, Lincolnshire, England, he in 1859 and she in 1873. Her paternal grandparents, Merrick Richard Brown and Della Ann Notestine, were early settlers of LaGrange County, he being born in 1835 in Oswego County, N.Y., and she in 1846 in Sandusky County, Ohio.

On May 29, 1929, she married Ellis Chester Wilkinson. They lived in South Bend; Logansport; Findlay, Ohio; and Monroe, Mich. At the end of World War II they moved to Whitley County. In 1957 they moved to Columbia City. Mr. Wilkinson died June 18, 1973.

Surviving are a son, E. Lynn Wilkinson of Exton, Pa.; a granddaughter, Dr. Jody Wilkinson of Tucson, Ariz; and a great-granddaughter, Abigail Romero.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, Pauline, and two brothers, Kenneth Brown and Keith Brown.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City. Burial will be in South Park Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Ernest Ritchie

STROH — Ernest Ritchie, 70, of Stroh died at 11:29 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, 2004, at Select Specialty Hospital of Fort Wayne. He had been in ill health seven months and seriously ill four weeks.

Mr. Ritchie was employed at Coachman in Middlebury for 12 years, retiring in 1987. He had lived most of his life in Stroh after leaving Kentucky at age 15.

He was born Jan. 5, 1934, in Hazard, Ky., to General Lee "Bud" and Lona (Cones) Ritchie.

Surviving are a daughter, Stacey Stewart of White Pigeon, Mich.; three sons, Matt Ritchie of White Pigeon, Mark Ritchie of White Pigeon and Billy Joe Ritchie of Alabama; four sisters, Mayoma Doberson of Auburn, Roseann Crank of Louisville, Ky., Zena Merril of Dun, Tenn., and Dora Hurt of Hardburly, Ky.; two grandchildren, Hope Ritchie and Missy Hanah Marie Barnes; and one great-grandson.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, two daughters and a son.

Graveside services will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Woodruff Cemetery with the Rev. Lee Combs of Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville officiating.

Calling will be from noon to 1 p.m. Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Humane Society.

John Danico

ORLANDO, Fla. — John M. Danico, 35, of Orlando and a former Kendallville, Ind., resident, died Tuesday, July 13, 2004, at his home.

He had served this year as a Third Class Petty Officer in Iraq with the U.S. Navy Seabees and the U.S. Marine Corps. He had recently returned stateside and named an Active Navy Reservist.

He was born Jan. 12, 1969, in St. Paul, Minn., to Fred and Ruth Danico. While living in Kendallville, he attended Wayne Center Elementary School until the family relocated to Elkhorn, Wis.

After high school Mr. Danico moved to Orlando.

He is survived by his wife, Marisol, of Orlando; three children, Trevor, Amanda and Allyson, all of Orlando; three stepchildren; his parents, Ruth and Fred Danico of Milwaukee, Wis., and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Kathy and Bill Zollars of Convoy, Ohio, and Beth and Gerry Andino of Milwaukee.

A graveside service with full military honors will be held Monday at 2 p.m. at Wood National Cemetery, 5000 W. National Ave., Bldg. 1301, Milwaukee, Wis.

Memorials are to the John Danico Memorial Fund at 9282 Green View Ct., Milwaukee, WI 53224 to be used as an educational fund for his children.

Avis Vogt

ESTES PARK, Colo. — Former Fremont resident Avis Eileen (Peeler) Vogt, 79, of Estes Park, Colo., died Friday, April 16, 2004, at Prospect Park Living Center in Estes Park.

Mrs. Vogt was born June 26, 1924, in Kokomo, to Hollis and Vera Peeler. She was married to Earl Christian Vogt, and he preceded her in death in March, 1989.

She worked at her father's soda shop at Clear Lake around 1945. Later, she managed various beauty salons, including Marshall Field's in Chicago and Wolf & Dessauer and the Corner House in Fort Wayne.

She then worked for several years for General Telephone before retiring and moving to Punta Gorda, Fla.

During her time at Clear Lake, she was a vocalist for the Jimmy Stier Orchestra. His band often performed at Bledsoe's Beach and the Hamilton Lake Dance Pavilion.

Surviving are three sons, Michael L. Greenwalt of San Marcos, Calif., Steven C. Vogt of Estes Park and Robert A. Vogt of Slidell, La.; a brother, William J. Peeler of Indianapolis; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Local arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

July 22 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Dottie Hanneman remembered by friends, family

WAWAKA — Dorothy "Dottie" Hanneman believed in public service. She saw politics as an avenue to improve the community in which she lived. And in the years she served in a leadership role in Noble County Republican politics, she was dedicated, inspiring and fun-loving.

The former chairwoman of the Noble County Republican Central Committee died Friday after a battle with lung cancer. She was 70. Her funeral is Wednesday.

Mrs. Hanneman was a breath of fresh air when she entered Noble County politics after moving to Wawaka from Fort Wayne 12 years ago. Her organizational skills and enthusiasm earned her the top leadership post in the Noble County GOP in March 1997.

Dottie

She pulled off a political coup d'etat in her defeat of longtime Republican chairman Lewis Moser. He had held the post for 21 years. The intra-party battle left some wounds. But Mrs. Hanneman quieted her critics with her strong leadership skills and passion. She helped bring new workers into the party and recruited young, vibrant candidates.

Her hard work paid off. The party's dominance in local politics was restored under her leadership. In 1998, the GOP won six of nine contested races. The party regained the mayoral seat in Ligonier in 1999 and in 2000 Republicans won eight of nine general election contests in Noble County.

But winning wasn't her only goal. For Mrs. Hanneman, politics was all about improving local government. She encouraged her winning candidates to improve services to constituents.

Mrs. Hanneman was re-elected to her party post in 2001, and led the party to a rout over local Democrats in 2002.

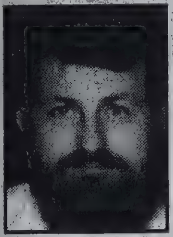
Because of declining health, she resigned in December 2002, turning the party over to her hand-picked successor, Ed Krause of Kendallville. But her influence had not waned. Mrs. Hanneman gave valuable advice to Suzanne Handshoe in her successful run for mayor of Kendallville in 2003.

Mrs. Hanneman leaves a legacy of service and excellence. We are better off as a community because of her dedication to improve Noble County government.

Max Cole

LIGONIER — Max R. "Babe" Cole, 61, of Ligonier died Sunday, July 18, 2004, at his home.

A lifetime area resident, Mr. Cole retired from Essex Wire/United Technology where he was plant superintendent.


Mr. Cole

He was a member of Ligonier Church of Christ.

Mr. Cole served in the U.S. Army and was a member of Pierceton American Legion Post 258. He loved to play golf and was a member of Limberlost Golf Club. He was proud of scoring a "hole in one" and winning a number of amateur golf tournaments. He also enjoyed coon hunting.

He was born March 9, 1943, in Pierceton to Raymond M. and T. Irene (Fawley) Cole. On Feb. 4, 1966, in Noble County, he married Phyllis Whitaker. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Ray Cole of Ligonier; a daughter, Angela Rena Stutzman of Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Elsie Cole of South Whitley and Rex E. and Phyllis Cole of Albion; and three grandchildren, Derek Bentley, Mitch Bentley and Mason Stutzman.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Brian Max Cole.

Services were held this morning, Thursday, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery in Pierceton.

Memorials are to Ligonier Church of Christ or Shiloh Baptist Church.

Theodore Hurley

COLUMBIA CITY — Theodore Phillip "Phil" Hurley, 76, of Whitley County died at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, July 17, 2004, at Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana in Fort Wayne. He was admitted there July 12.

He was a dairy farmer and drove a school bus for Thorncreek School for many years. He was a member of Sparta United Church of Christ and the Wolf Lake Lions Club.

Mr. Hurley enjoyed showing registered purebred bulls at national bull shows.

He was born April 18, 1928, in North Manchester to Curtis L. and Alma A. (Royer) Hurley. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School.

On May 9, 1946, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served on the USS Zelima. He was discharged on Feb. 18, 1948.

On April 2, 1948, he married Theodora B. "Fig" Trimmer. She died March 6, 2002.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Julia Hurley, Ted and Kay Hurley and Jeff Hurley, all of Columbia City; two daughters and a son-in-law, Linda Pettigrew and Joan and Jim Western, all of Columbia City; a brother and sister-in-law, Louis J. and Shirley Hurley of Kissimmee, Fla.; a sister, Mona Howard of North Judson; a special friend, Dee Miller of Wolf Lake; 17 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday at Sparta United Church of Christ in Kimmell with Pastor Linn Bartling officiating. Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials are to Hospice Home or Sparta United Church of Christ.

Betty Pratt

KIMMELL — Betty Joan Pratt, 75, of Kimmell died Monday, July 19, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Pratt was retired from Starcraft RV. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Pratt

She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, playing bingo and had been on a bowling team. She was a die-hard Cubs fan.

Mrs. Pratt was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Chicago, Ill., to George A. and Nellie M. (Baker) Leatherman. On March 10, 1954, in Jacksonville, Fla., she married William M. "Mackie" Pratt. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Billy M. and Katie Pratt of Kimmell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Melissa J. and Rich Roush of Fort Wayne and Leeanne S. Peirce of Kimmell; a sister, Gloria J. Beckner of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Alton Leatherman.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, today, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the U.S. Navy Memorial, Box 12728, Arlington, VA 22209.

Fannie Thompson

CROMWELL — Fannie E. Thompson, 65, of Cromwell died at 8:04 p.m. Monday, July 19, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Thompson was a homemaker and formerly lived in Columbia City, Laud, Fort Wayne and Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. Thompson

She was born Sept. 1, 1938, in Fort Wayne to John and Jenny Etta (LeMaster) Hurst. She attended Fort Wayne Community Schools.

On Dec. 10, 1979, in Cromwell, she married Arthur D. Thompson. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Rose Sabin of Cromwell and Brian and Teresa Sabin of Syracuse; a stepson and his wife, Randall and Rachell Thompson of Fort Wayne; three sisters, Elsie Fett of Wesley, Iowa, Dorothy Emberlin of Payson, Ariz., and Joan Sabin of Grand Rapids, Ohio; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; an infant son, Roger Allen Sabin; a sister, Mary Simmons; and a brother, John Hurst Jr.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. James Clifford of Laud Christian Church officiating. Burial will be in Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday (today) at the funeral home.

Roma Hedrick

CHURUBUSCO — Roma G. Hedrick, 85, of Churubusco died Tuesday, July 20, 2004, as the result of an automobile accident at U.S. 33 and Cook Road.

Mrs. Hedrick was a homemaker, and had lived in Churubusco with a daughter and son-in-law for the past four years.

She was born Oct. 11, 1918, in Wolfe, W.Va.

A member of the Corunna House of Prayer and the First Assembly of God, she was known for her enjoyment of life and her kindness and generosity.

Surviving are five daughters and sons-in-law, Rosa Lee and Sterling Moye of Spanishburg, W.Va., Rita and Edwin Swinehart of Huntertown, Linda and Larry Deventer of Huntertown, Judy and Anthony Lawyer of Garrett, and Angie and Jerry Triplett of Churubusco; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jim and Linda Hedrick of Fort Wayne and Roger Hedrick of Fort Wayne; 11 grandchildren, Kent, Kathy, Edwin Jr., David, Jeff, Brian, Stephanie, Jennifer, Lisa, Christina and Charlie; seven great-grandchildren, Matt, Richey, Austin, Carter, Tyler, Katelyn and Haley; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Woodrow, her twin, and Louise Wilburn of Fort Wayne and Thomas and Sanda Wilburn of Cincinnati, Ohio; two sisters, Elizabeth Laxton and Irene Kearney; three sisters-in-law, Annie Manning, Pearl Purdy Chambers and Evelyn Kade; and a special friend, Malinda.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Garland Hedrick, who died May 21, 1990, and three children, John, Mary and Ronald Lee.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. in C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne. Pastor Robert Monroe will officiate.

Calling will be Sunday from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. and Monday from 10-11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Entombment will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family and the Diabetes Association.

Phillip Grove

AVON PARK, Fla. — Phillip E. Grove, 65, of Avon Park and formerly of LaGrange County died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Heartland Walker Hospital in Sebring.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Lu Ellen Werker

ALBION — Lu Ellen K. Werker, 49, of Albion died at 6:15 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2004, at her mother's home in Albion.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Mildred Jordan

MUNCIE — Mildred Vesta Jordan, 98, of Muncie died Wednesday morning, July 21, 2004, at Muncie Health and Rehabilitation Center after an extended illness.

She was born in Waterloo on Nov. 5, 1905, to Jacob and Estella Snyder. She was a member of High Street United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Karla and Ted Hayden of Leesburg, Fla., and Stella and Joe Whiteman of The Villages, Fla.; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Lois Howe of Angola; a daughter-in-law, Betty Howe of Auburn; a brother and sister-in-law, Melford and Helen Snyder of Fort Wayne; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Jordan, two sons, Ralph Howe and Daniel Jordan; and two stepsons, James Jordan and Jerry Jordan.

Graveside services will be Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in White City Cemetery, Spencerville. The Rev. Dale Williams of the Auburn First United Methodist Church will officiate.

Cremation will take place, with arrangements coordinated by Garden View Funeral Home, 10501 N. S.R. 3, Muncie.

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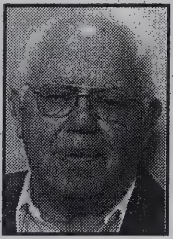
Marvin Poyser

COLUMBIA CITY — Marvin G. Poyser, 82, of Whitley County died Thursday, July 22, 2004, at his home.


Mr. Poyser

Mr. Poyser had worked at Bob Porter Chevrolet in Ligonier from 1955 until he retired in 1992.

He was a member and past commander of the American Legion Post in Cromwell and a 4-H leader in Noble County from 1961 until 1972.

Mr. Poyser was born July 21, 1922, in Noble County the son of George M. and G. Ethel (Hursey) Poyser. He completed his education at Cromwell High School.

On Jan. 4, 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II. He was honorably discharged July 18, 1945.

On Sept. 27, 1950, he married Jean F. Leslie. The couple made their home in Kimmell and at Crooked Lake before moving to their present home in 1999.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vanessa and Bob Davidsen of Jackson, Mich., and Valerie and Melvin Wietfeldt of Columbia City; three brothers, Arthur Poyser of Cromwell, Jess Poyser of Cromwell and the Rev. Donald Poyser of North Webster; and three grandchildren, Christopher Davidsen and his wife, Liz, Bradley Davidsen and Jessica Wietfeldt.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating.

Calling will be from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

John Loveday

FORT WAYNE — John R. Loveday, 76, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Loveday was a truck driver for 33 years, retiring in 1983. He was a Navy veteran and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846, Churubusco, and Teamsters Local 414.

Surviving are his wife, Anita Loveday of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Diana and Ed DeMarco of Fort Wayne; a sister, Jessie Strevel of Powell, Tenn.; a granddaughter and her husband, Melinda and Ron Smethers of Fort Wayne; two grandsons and their wives, Shane and Angie Loveday of Fort Wayne and Shane and Chrissie DeMarco of Garrett; six great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Eva Loveday of Fort Wayne.

Preceding him in death was a son, Danny L. Loveday.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in D.O. McComb & Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Paul Beerman

FORT WAYNE — Paul H. Beerman, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beerman was born Sept. 9, 1923, in Fort Wayne. He was a salesman and worked for Kirby, Niagra and Sears.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 241. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and earned a Purple Heart.

His hobbies included fishing and hunting. He was an avid reader.

Surviving are his wife, Hannah (Jones) Beerman; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul L. and Ann Beerman of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Paulana Beerman and Paulette "Peachie" and Jerry Rauner, all of Fort Wayne, and Patty and Les Martz of Angola; and five grandchildren, Ashley, Jerica, Garret, Lindsey and Matthew.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bob, Rex, Bill and Donald; and a sister, Joan.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and also one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Poe Williamsport Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with graveside military services conducted by members of American Legion Post No. 241.

Memorials are to the Poe Volunteer Fire Department or the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

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Earl Fulk

WOLCOTTVILLE — Earl Fulk, 91, of Wolcottville died at 10:02 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center in Kendallville, where he had resided since June 2003.

Mr. Fulk was a lifetime area resident and had retired as a foreman May 5, 1979, from Flint & Walling after 28 years of service.

He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301.

He was born July 29, 1912, in Noble County the son of William H. and Nora L. (Richards) Fulk. On July 2, 1949, in Kendallville he married Wilma M. Deems. She died in 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Eric Lee and Michelle Johnston of Wolcottville; and a grandson, Grant Johnston.

Also preceding him in death were two sisters, Phema Fulk and Georgia Fulk; and two brothers, Olie Fulk and Frank Fulk.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Mark Metz officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Faith United Methodist Church.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Shirley Lobdell** of Kendallville were held Friday at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Gene Flinkinger officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Steve Austin, Nathan Wymer, Jason Wymer, Keith Langer, Ron Tuffley and Mike Toles.

AVILLA — Services for **Joan Lash** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 17, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial was in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were Dave Wiant, Tom Thrush, Dave Lash, Sam Lash, Dennis Lash, Fred Lash and Mark Baker. Brazzell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Brian L. Simmons** were held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home. Mark Metz officiated. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Jeffrey Simmons, Patrick Simmons, Phillip Simmons, Baron Kennedy, Nathan Simmons, Jon Simmons and David Simmons.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Eleanor M. Kistler** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home with Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial was in New Paris Cemetery. Pallbearers were J.D. Kistler, Lawrence Kistler and Phil Farris.

Luellen Werker

ALBION — Luellen Kay Werker, 49, of Albion died at 6:15 a.m. Thursday, July 22, 2004, at her mother's residence in Albion.

She was born to Charles Lewis and H. Beth (Moore) Werker on June 29, 1955, in LaGrange. She was a lifetime area resident.

She graduated from West Noble High School in 1973, and earned a degree in nursing from Purdue University in 1977.

She worked as a registered nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She is survived by her mother; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Dennis Meyer of North Webster and Jane and Jim Brickey of Ligonier; a brother, Charles Ray "Chuck" Werker of Kimmell; two nieces and their spouses, Jill and James Stiles of Bluffton and Joy and Trent Wert of Ligonier; two nephews, Scott Dean Meyer of Indianapolis and Dave Yankosky of Milford.

Services will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion with Pastor Ann Marshall presiding.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to Whitley County Hospice.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Homes.

Arthur Priest

GREENFIELD — Arthur B. Priest, 94, of Greenfield died Thursday, July 22, 2004.

A Noble County native, he was born Dec. 31, 1909 to Clarence M. and Ella M. (Baker) Priest. He graduated from Albion High School in 1928.

Six years later he graduated from Askin School of Mortuary Science working as a professional funeral director and worker until 1987. He worked first at Lynam Funeral Home in Greenfield and Alexander & Son Funeral Home in Evansville. Most recently, Mr. Priest worked as a funeral director for Pasco Memorial Mortuary from 1952-1987.

Mr. Priest and his surviving wife, Gertrude (Surfus) Priest of Greenfield, were members of Trinity Park United Methodist Church. The two married Oct. 17, 1931.

Mr. Priest was also a 50-year member of the Greenfield Odd Fellows Lodge and the Hancock F.&A.M. 101.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Priest is survived by a son, James E. Priest of Bainbridge, Ga.; a daughter, Sue Ann Bennett of Indianapolis; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; three nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, granddaughter and great-grandson.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Pasco-Stillinger Funeral Home in Greenfield with the Rev. Michael Manning officiating. Burial will be in Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

Calling will be at the funeral home Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Memorials are to Trinity Park United Methodist Church or the Odd Fellows Home in Greensburg.

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Dorothy White

GARRETT — Dorothy M. White, 89, of Garrett, died Friday, July 23, 2004, at 5:40 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A lifetime Garrett resident, Mrs. White was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and an avid bridge player. She traveled extensively worldwide.

She was born Dec. 4, 1914, to Frank and Florence (McKennan) Erickson.

On March 20, 1934, at the First Presbyterian Church in Garrett, she married Oren Bradford "Brad" White. He survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William B. White of Garrett and James A. and Diane White of Coldwater, Mich.; a daughter, Janice L. White of Kendallville; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter, Linda Ann White.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Cremation will take place, with arrangements coordinated by Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Heart Association, in care of Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett, IN 46738.

Phillip Grove

AVON PARK, Fla. — Phillip E. Grove, 65, of Avon Park and formerly of LaGrange County, died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, at Heartland Walker Hospital in Sebring, Fla., of natural causes.

Mr. Grove was born in Brighton on May 2, 1939, to Elwood and Edith (McKenzie) Grove. The preceded him in death.

He married Carol Elkins in Clinton, Va., on Jan. 14, 1980. She survives in Avon Park, Fla.

Also surviving are a son, William Grove of Angola; two daughters, Kieata Mentser of Angola and Vianna Elkins of Stroh; two stepdaughters, Vicki Basham of Avon Park, Fla., and Cindy Watkins of Angola; three sisters, Phyllis Huffnagle of Millersburg, Beverly Cornett of Rome City and Karon Leu of LaGrange; a brother, Terry Grove of Rome City; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange Monday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jeremy Helmuth officiating. Burial will be in Brighton Chapel Cemetery.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Alfrieda Dolan

ANGOLA — Alfrieda Dolan, 81, of Angola died Thursday, July 22, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

A Chicago, Ill., native, she was born Jan. 18, 1923, to Stanley and Victoria (Kukuka) Bartosik. Mrs. Dolan lived in Angola since 1965, working as a registered nurse at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital for 24 years. She worked in surgery and obstetrics and managed central supply. She also spent nine years at Marine Hospital in Chicago.

She is survived by her husband, Ted Dolan of Angola; a son, Tom Dolan; a daughter, June Hayes; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

No services will be held.

Memorials are to the March of Dimes for birth defects or the American Heart Association for vascular defects.

Arrangement are by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Richard Smith

BROWNSBURG — Richard L. Smith, 72, of Brownsburg, died Friday, July 23, 2004, at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born Oct. 9, 1931, in Auburn to Leverett B. and Helen (McConkey) Smith. His parents preceded him in death.

He had lived in Brownsburg for 34 years, and worked as a heating and cooling engineer for Bryant Heating & Cooling Carrier Division for 20 years, retiring in 1993. He formerly worked at Bohn Aluminum Co. in Danville, Ill.

He was a graduate of Purdue University, a veteran of the U.S. Army, and a member of Brownsburg American Legion Post 331 and Crawfordsville Elks Club.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Alice (Nimrick) Smith; a son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Kelly Smith of Brownsburg; a sister, Betsy Swartz of Phoenix, Ariz.; and two grandsons, Mason and Noah Smith.

Services will be Tuesday at noon in Matthews Mortuary, 690 E. 56th St., Brownsburg. The Rev. Dennis Dodson of Faith Congregational Church will officiate. Burial will be in Brownsburg Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. and Tuesday from 11 a.m. to noon at Matthews Mortuary.

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JULY 25 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

Woman led active life to nearly 104

BY BILL GISEL
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WATERLOO — Without a doubt, Reuah Davis would have made the front page of The Evening Star Saturday, just as she had the past four years.

However, Mrs. Davis died June 19 at Wesley Health Care in Auburn, where she had resided since suffering a stroke in January.

Saturday would have been her 104th birthday.

Her yearly appearance in the news since turning 100 was a celebration of her longevity, but it was also a testimony to clean living and hard work.

On different occassions, Mrs. Davis told reporters that she ate any food she pleased, but avoided alcohol and tobacco.

"I have never been sick. Broke a couple of bones or something like that is all," she said.

Last July 24, Mrs. Davis quipped: "My teeth are about the worst thing I've got. Of course, they have had a lot of use."

Mrs. Davis

She admitted her well-being was a source of wonder for many people. She still drove her car, although more often than not she let her husband — who is 94 — do the driving. Her driver's license was last renewed on her 102nd birthday, and was valid until 2005.

She had been driving since the age of 14, she recalled, and had been issued one traffic ticket in Garrett, where she was caught driving a little too fast. It cost her a $5 fine, she recalled.

Well-known in her community, Mrs. Davis lived her entire life in Waterloo, save for one year when she lived in Fort Wayne. She worked in the cafeteria of the Waterloo schools for 37 years, a job she took after she and first husband, Rollin Bixler, sold the Green Parrot Restaurant in 1944.

Reuah and Rollin had opened the restaurant in 1929, in a building that then had no running water, no electricity and no furnace. Mrs. Davis gave Rollin credit for doing the cooking; she baked pies and cookies and served customers. She once scared off a would-be robber with a pistol, however.

Rollin died in 1953, and in 1962 she married Dale Davis.

"Dad is doing pretty well, getting used to doing things for himself now," Judith Capp of Butler said about her father. "He was used to mom doing everything for him."

Mrs. Davis spurned a front-porch rocking chair, favoring instead chairs "I can get out of." She hoped she would never have a rocking chair in her future, either.

"I just like keeping active. I guess that is my secret to good health," she said.

Her activities extended outside her home and profession. She was active in Democratic politics, and was credited with being the first woman to ever attend a state Democratic convention.

In a 2000 interview, however, she admitted she wouldn't have rubbed elbows with Democrat Bill Clinton, ("I think he made a darned fool of himself," she said.) and she certainly would have had an opinion about John Kerry. She was a county precinct committeeman for 30 years.

Mrs. Davis was well-liked at Wesley Health Care, where she could recall the distant past with clarity, though she could not remember names of her visitors.

"She died very, very peacefully," her daughter said.

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Mr. Emerick had life-long love of farming in Fremont

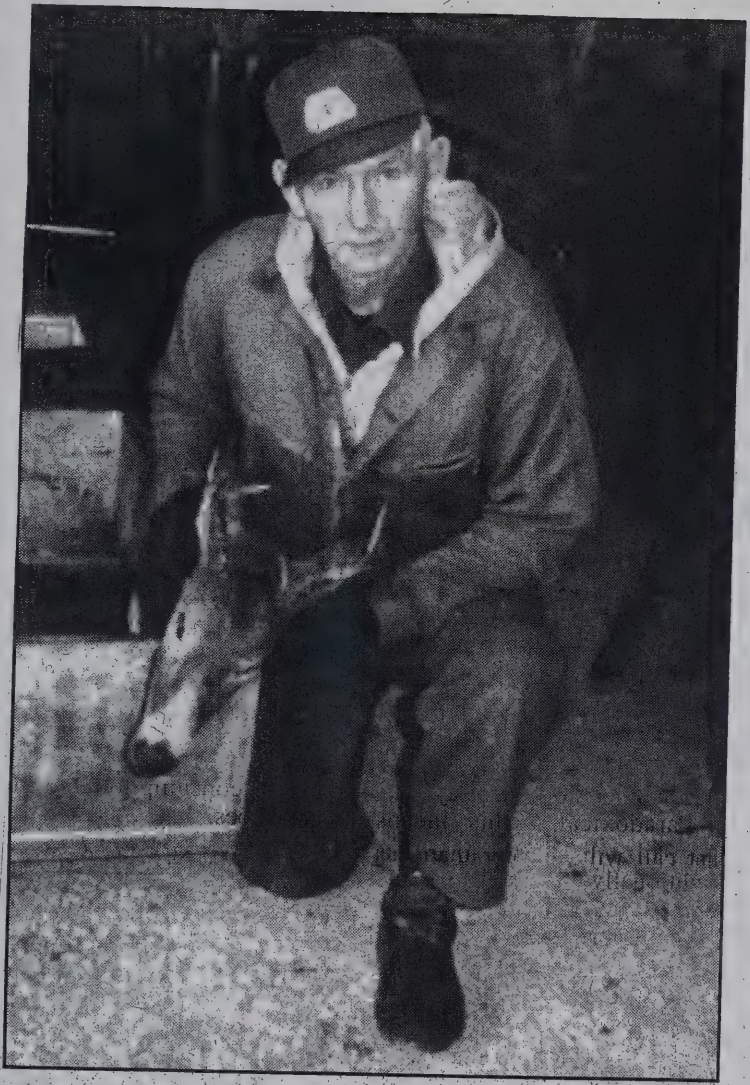

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

LaMar Emerick is seen in a barn on his farm in Fremont in this photo contributed by his family. Although Mr. Emerick lived his final years at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola, his family brought him back to the farm at least once a week.

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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FREMONT — On Saturday, the family and friends of LaMar Emerick got together to cook out, reminisce and laugh about the 86 years they had with him.

LaMar Emerick died Tuesday. He suffered a stroke several years ago, and spent the last five years living at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

But he never thought of that as his home. Mr. Emerick's home was his farm in Fremont, where he worked, lived and raised his six children.

Mr. Emerick had been married to his wife, Leona, for 62 years. They made a striking couple, their youngest son, Craig, said, because of Mr. Emerick's great height and his wife's petite build.

"He was probably 6-foot-5, and weighed 230 pounds, and she's maybe 5 feet of that," he said.

Mr. Emerick farmed as a career, and also worked for just shy of 20 years at the Steuben County Co-op. He also hauled milk and milked his own cows for many years.

Craig remembered his father as "a very well-mannered guy, very religious." Mr. Emerick belonged to the former York United Methodist Church, and served on several boards and committees while a member there.

Craig said his father was a lover of the outdoors, and spent any free time he had hunting, fishing and golfing.

Even after he had to go to the nursing home, Craig said, he and his family made sure Mr. Emerick came home to the farm at least once a week.

"As nice as nursing homes might be, they're not home," he said. "We made sure he could come home sometimes."

Mr. Emerick's daughter-in-law, Christine, said getting the family together after the funeral services was a way for everyone to share their memories without all the bustle and confusion.

"We have such a huge family," she said.

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JULY 25 2004 Kendallville, Indiana

2 die in separate crashes

WARSAW — Thomas Gibbs, 23, of Mentone was pronounced dead at the scene of an automobile accident in rural Kosciusko County at approximately 3 a.m. Saturday.

Gibbs, a passenger in a white Ford Ranger, died after falling from the truck bed at S.R. 25 and C.R. 150S. The driver of the truck, Jared A. Stephens, 20, of Mentone, was later arrested for operating while intoxicated. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident.

After the accident, Stephens attempted to transport Gibbs to the Kosciusko Community Hospital for treatment, according to the Kosciusko County Sheriff's Department. However, before he made it to the hospital, he came upon the scene of another traffic accident at Fox Farm Road near South

CRASHES:

Details unclear on fatality on Lima Road

Side Drive. Officers at the scene stopped Stephens and discovered Gibbs' body in the truck bed.

Emergency medical personnel treated Gibbs, but he was pronounced dead at the scene by the Kosciusko County coroner's office.

Stephens' other passenger, Rick Kensinger, 23, of Mentone, was uninjured in the accident.

The accident remains under investigation.

In an unrelated accident, the Indiana State Police was reportedly working a fatal accident which occurred on Lima Road on the Allen County side of the Allen County-DeKalb County line sometime Saturday.

Information regarding this accident was not available late Saturday evening.

The following obituary is being republished to add information.

Paul Beerman

FORT WAYNE — Paul H. Beerman, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, July 21, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Beerman was born Sept. 9, 1923, in Fort Wayne. He was a salesman and worked for Kirby, Niagra and Sears.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 241. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army, and earned a Purple Heart.

His hobbies included fishing and hunting. He was an avid reader.

Surviving are his wife, Hannah (Jones) Beerman; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul L. and Ann Beerman of Fort Wayne; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Paulana Beerman and Paulette "Peachie" and Jerry Rauner, all of Fort Wayne, and Patty and Les Martz of Angola; and five grandchildren, Ashley, Jerica, Garrett, Lindsey and Matthew.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Bob, Rex, Bill and Donald; and a sister, Joan.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, Fort Wayne. Calling is today from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and also one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Poe Williamsport Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with graveside military services conducted by members of American Legion Post No. 241.

Memorials are to the Poe Volunteer Fire Department or the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana.

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Fannie Schrock

GOSHEN — Fannie Mae Schrock, 62, of Goshen died at 2:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Schrock was a homemaker and a member of Bethel Conservative Mennonite Church in Nappanee.

She was born Nov. 20, 1941, to Ezra and Katie (Yoder) Harshberger in Goshen. She lived in the Goshen area all her life. She married Noah A. Schrock on June 1, 1967. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Mary Schrock of Goshen; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Kenneth and Tanya Schrock and Alvin and Melody Schrock, all of Goshen, and Lavern Schrock of Pensacola, Fla.; three grandchildren; a sister, Pauline Hershberger of Middlebury; and five brothers and sisters-in-law, Melvin and Orpha Hershberger of Gambier, Ohio, Leroy and Wilma Hershberger of Shipshewana and Vern and Rachel Hershberger, Alvin and Esther Hershberger and Roman and Katie Harshberger, all of Nappanee.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Fair Haven Mennonite Church, east of Goshen. Bishop Lyle Miller of Bethel Conservative Mennonite Church and the Revs. Marvin Yoder and John W. Miller will officiate. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery in Goshen.

Calling will be 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. today and Monday at Fair Haven Mennonite Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home of Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Celestial Linthicum

FORT WAYNE — Celestial Breeze Linthicum, 21 days old, of Fort Wayne died Friday, July 23, 2004, at home of natural causes.

She was born July 2, 2004, to Drew and Jennifer Linthicum. They survive.

Also surviving is a sister, Alaura Linthicum of Fort Wayne; grandparents, Robert and Vonda Hogan of Kendallville, Craig Linthicum of Kendallville and Kathy Linthicum of Auburn; and great-grandparents, Rita McCormick of Manchester, Tenn., Sarah Hannah of Alabama, Glen and Pat Barr of Kendallville and Ed and Fran Linthicum of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by two great-grandfathers, William McCormick and William Hannah.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Orange Township Cemetery in Rome City.

There will be no calling.

D.O. McComb & Sons Funeral Home of Fort Wayne is in charge of arrangements.

Lynn Richter

FREMONT — Lynn M. Richter, 59, of Fremont died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Richter was a homemaker. Her hobbies included collecting Christmas ornaments, gardening and planting, being outdoors with trees and spending time with her dog, Jake, a golden retriever.

She was born Nov. 11, 1944, to Chalmer and Magdalen (Hake) Fisher in Fort Wayne. She graduated from Bishop Luers High School in Fort Wayne. She married Michael P. "Mike" Richter on Sept. 3, 1976, in Angola. He survives in Fremont.

Also surviving is a son, Shannon D. Smith of Fremont.

There will be no service or calling.

Memorials are to donor's choice.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home of Fremont.

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Marion Brown

TOPEKA — Marion "Sues" Brown, 74, of Topeka died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Before retirement, she worked for many years at Starcraft. Her hobbies included creating oil paintings, ceramics, quilts, knitting and crocheting. Spending time playing games and going on adventures with her children, and later her grandchildren, was important to her. She loved to sing.

She was born Nov. 11, 1929, to John Frederic and Gertrude (Yoder) Rheinheimer in Bismarck, N.D. She moved to Shipshewana with her family in 1939. She lived in Detroit for a few years before moving to Topeka for the rest of her life.

While growing up, she was an athlete. She played on an Indiana state softball team and won several bowling trophies for high scores. She raised three children by herself by working two jobs and doing sewing on the side.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Cindy and Clarence Lewin and Connie and Troy Williams; a son and daughter-in-law, Pat and Cindy Brown; a niece and nephew-in-law, Sharon and Marty Marks; seven grandchildren and their spouses, Kevin Brown, Crystal Brown, Brad and Amy Lewin, Nicole William and Brian Bigham, Lisa and Travis Lewin, Lori Brown and Ryan Brown; three great-grandchildren, Noah Lewin, Jake Lewin and Ella Lewin; two brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Babe Rheinheimer and Stanley "Tar" and Valerie Rheinheimer; and a sister and brother-in-law, Della Mae "Babs" and Bill Hooley.

She was preceded in death by six brothers and sisters-in-law, Tim and Marjorie Rheinheimer, Ray "Bud" and Florence Rheinheimer, Jake and Kathy Rheinheimer, Scott and Phyllis Rheinheimer, Jim and Jean Rheinheimer and Bill and Clara Rheinheimer; and a sister and brother-in-law, Vivian and Vernon Rheinheimer Mishler.

There will be no services or calling.

Memorials may be directed through Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange to the LaGrange County Council on Aging.

Her family requests that people with memories of Marion "Sues" Brown should send them to her children at P.O. Box 54, Topeka, IN 46571 or to cindylewin@skyenet.net.

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Larry Hansbarger

FREMONT — Larry DeFord Hansbarger, 82, of Fremont died Friday, July 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, after being stricken with a brain aneurysm three days earlier.

Mr. Hansbarger

Mr. Hansbarger was born Nov. 21, 1921, in Canton, Ohio, to Earl David and Ruth Matilda (Martin) DeFord Hansbarger. He married Joan Arline Beatty on Sept. 20, 1952. She survives.

He was a 1939 graduate of Ansonia High School in Ansonia, Ohio. He was an engineering graduate of The Ohio State University, and was an honorably discharged World War II veteran. He was stationed in the Pacific and occupied Japan as a B-24 Liberator weather reconnaissance pilot as a first lieutenant in the Third Attach Group Fifth Air Force.

Larry and Joan lived in the Chicago area of Lombard, Ill., for three years while Larry worked and traveled for the Oil Insurance Association. In 1955, they moved with their new son, Mark, to Clear Lake, to take over Joan's parents' resort, Clear Lake (Cottage) Apartments. The apartments were built on the lake's north shore in the late 1940s and early 1950s, and they are still family operated.

Mr. Hansbarger worked in the engineering department of Allied Products Corp., a Hillsdale, Mich., conglomerate, followed by two years as assistant plant manager at the company's Eaton Rapids, Mich., division. When Allied purchased 13 acres of the Studebaker Co. in South Bend, he supervised the operational start-up there.

After that, he was promoted to corporate vice president of manufacturing and physical resources at Allied.

He served the town of Clear Lake for 13 years — as clerk-treasurer for two years, and later on the town board. He served as chairman of the board until 1970, and was instrumental in the purchase of the Clear Lake Town Hall, the hiring of a town marshal, and other endeavors. He retired from the board because he was required to do extensive traveling in his job with Allied.

In the mid-1970s, the Hansbargers were half-partners in the construction and development of Clear Lake's Hazenhurst Shores Condominiums, one of the first condominium projects in Indiana.

The couple became winter residents of Corkscrew Woodlands in Estero, Fla., in the 1980s, where they were active in the community.

Also surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Mark and Elizabeth Hansbarger of Lake James, Brian Hansbarger of Clear Lake and Dean Hansbarger of Auburn; one daughter and son-in-law, Karen and John Barrett of Clear Lake; a brother, Alan Minnich Hansbarger of Ansonia; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned for September at Clear Lake, with a memorial service at a later date in Florida.

Harold Farrell

FORT WAYNE — Harold B. Farrell, 74, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at 3:20 a.m. in Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

Mr. Farrell served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. He retired from the Navy in 1968 after 20 years of service. He then retired from the material control department at Magnavox in 1991. After his retirement, he worked part-time for Fort Wayne Auto Auction.

He was a member of American Legion Post 47 and Fleet Reserve Association Branch 348.

He was born June 3, 1930, in Versailles to Harold E. and Ruth (Pettit) Farrell.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally Farrell of Fort Wayne; two sons, Patrick Farrell of Fort Wayne and Michael Farrell of Pensacola, Fla.; a brother, Clyde Farrell of Denver; three grandchildren; and a longtime companion, Sue Cherry of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by a son, Timothy Farrell, two sisters and one brother.

Services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, St. Jude Children's Hospital or Cancer Services of Allen County.

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Boater killed when he hits bridge

Steuben County

LAKE GAGE — A man operating a personal watercraft in a channel between Lime Lake and Lake Gage in Steuben County was killed Saturday when his head struck the bottom of a bridge crossing the channel.

Scott R. Blossom, 35, of Metamora, Ohio, was traveling east in the channel when he struck the bottom of the North Lake Gage Drive bridge, according to Indiana conservation officers Keith Praski and John Deem, who investigated the accident.

The Steuben County Sheriff's Department, Orland Fire and Rescue and the Steuben County Coroner's Office assisted in the investigation. No further information was released early today.

George Skordos

FORT WAYNE — George "Mike" Skordos, 78, of Fort Wayne died Friday, July 23, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Skordos had been an electronics engineer at Tokheim Corp. for 26 years, retiring in 1992. He had also made neon signs for 50 years and operated the Tube Shop.

He had served in the Air Force during World War II and was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church, South Side Kiwanis Club and American Legion Post 82.

His wife, Joan M., died Saturday.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Carl Beckstedt of Fort Wayne, Joanrita and Jerry Taube of Auburn and Molly and John Oury of Avilla; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Jeannie Skordos of Monroeville and Nicholas Skordos of Fort Wayne; a brother, James Ottenweller of Bolingbrook, Ill.; a sister, Barbara Squire of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Tyler Skordos in 1999.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen

Richard Dye

KENDALLVILLE — Richard G. Dye, 65, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at his home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Cindy Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Cindy Gibson of Kendallville died today, Monday, July 26, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home.

Joan Skordos

FORT WAYNE — Joan M. Skordos, 74, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mrs. Skordos had worked for 10 years at American Hoist and retired from Neff Engineering.

She was a member of Queen of Angels Catholic Church and American Legion Post 82 Auxiliary.

Her husband, George "Mike" Skordos, died Friday.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Suzanne and Carl Beckstedt of Fort Wayne, Joanrita and Jerry Taube of Auburn and Molly and John Oury of Avilla; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Jeannie Skordos of Monroeville and Nicholas Skordos of Fort Wayne; four sisters, Lillian "Midge" Vodde, Barbara Schulhler, May Schorey and Kay Johnson, all of Fort Wayne; five brothers, Edward "Abe" Muldoon, Thomas Muldoon, David Muldoon, Jerome Muldoon and Michael Muldoon, all of Fort Wayne; 17 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death was a grandson, Tyler Skordos in 1999; and two brothers, Daniel in 1972 and Ralph in 1924.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Soup Kitchen.

Alice Bryan

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Alice L. "Enie" Bryan, 81, of Fort Pierce and formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at her home in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Mrs. Bryan

Mrs. Bryan was born in Lost River Township, Martin County, Ind., and moved to Fort Pierce in the 1970s from Kendallville. She was a home economics teacher, homemaker and the manager of her late husband's medical practice.

She graduated in 1943 from Indiana University in Bloomington with a bachelor's degree in home economics. She was a member of the Ocean Village Tennis Team, Red Cross Bloodmobile volunteer, member of Tri Kappa, charter member of The Book Club in Kendallville and a member of numerous bridge clubs. She volunteered at Lawnwood Medical Center and McCray Memorial Hospital, and was also a Boy Scout leader.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, William B. and Barbara L. Bryan of Angola and Robert T. and Anita Norman Bryan of Fort Pierce; a daughter, Sue A. Bryan Anderson of Stoddard, Wis.; a brother and sister-in-law, Warren and Ruth Hendrix of French Lick; grandchildren, Dr. Benjamin R. Bryan of Chicago, Bradley W. Bryan of Sarasota, Fla., Christian Bryan-Coburn of Tampa, Fla., Wendy L. Gordy of Fort Pierce, James R. Gordy II of Fort Pierce and Wyatt L. Anderson of Stoddard; and great-grandchildren, Brittany M. Seidman, Darah L. Greenwald, and Ripley S. Greenwald, all of Fort Pierce, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Robert E. Bryan, and brother, Kenneth Grant Hendrix.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Haisley-Hobbs Funeral Home, Fort Pierce. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday.

Burial will be in Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Florida.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Aug. 7 at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, with calling from 9 to 11 a.m.

Memorials are to Hospice of the Treasure Coast, 805 Virginia Ave., S.R. 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982.

Alberta Lutter

LAOTTO — Alberta Lutter, 79, of LaOtto died early this morning, July 27, 2004, at her home in Swan Township.

Among Mrs. Lutter's survivors are her husband, Clarence; a daughter, Karen Sweeney of LaOtto; a son, Steven Lutter of Mishawaka; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences many be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Vera Daniels

AUBURN — Vera D. Daniels, 93, of Auburn died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Daniels retired in 1976 after 30 years as an operator for Indiana Bell. She then worked as a telemarketer for Kendallville Publishing Co.

She was born March 16, 1911, in Wilmington Township of DeKalb County to Roscoe and Nella (Huntington) Yarlot.

She married Glenn W. Daniels on Nov. 9, 1929, in Waterloo. He died June 8, 1982.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Collins of Auburn; a son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Kris Farrington Daniels of Weston, W.Va.; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Floyd Carper of Waterloo; two sisters-in-law, Ruth Yarlot of Waterloo and Pauline Yarlot of Butler; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Loren Yarlot and Wayne Yarlot; and one sister, Leora Farrington.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Pastor Tom Dyson will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Thursday from 1 to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Rosemary Evans

BRYAN, Ohio — Rosemary G. Evans, 81, of Bryan, Ohio, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at the Dilworth Center of Community Hospital of Williams County.

Mrs. Evans was born July 31, 1922, in Pioneer, Ohio, to Truman John and Nellie Mae (Stump) Gilpin.

She married Dr. Donald R. Evans on Aug. 27, 1941. He preceded her in death in September 1973. She graduated from Pioneer High School in 1939, and attended Bowling Green University for one year.

She was the former chief deputy clerk for the Williams County Probate Court. She was a dental assistant for her husband for about 20 years.

She was a former librarian for the Carnegie Public Library in Angola, and most recently worked at Lester's Diner in Bryan.

She volunteered as a Girl Scout leader for many years, and worked at the C.W.U. Thrift Shop in Bryan. She was the first woman to serve as a council person for the village of Pioneer.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Cynthia and Michael Peslikis of Bowling Green, Ohio, Christina and Jack Oberlin of Bryan and Victoria and Joe Nickloy of Montpelier, Ohio; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a great-granddaughter, Chloe R. Damer, on May 3, 2004, and her parents.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Indiana time Wednesday at Grace Community Church, Bryan, with Pastor Michael J. Kelly and the Rev. Sam Byroads officiating. Calling will be at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan.

Memorials are to Grace Community Church, Dilworth Center or C.H.W.C. Hospice.

Arrangements are being handled by Thompson Funeral Home, Montpelier.

Lucille Haringe

ANGOLA — Lucille S. Haringe, 90, of Angola, died Friday, July 16, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Haringe was born March 30, 1914, in Aurora, Ill., to Peter and Barbara (Theis) Meyer. She was married to Arnold Haringe, who preceded her in death.

She was a clerk at the Jewel Foods grocery store. She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Batavia, Ill.

She previously worked as a seamstress at Formfit in Aurora.

Surviving are nieces and nephews Sandra DeBruycker of Angola, Sharon Vorel of Virginia, June Knutel of Michigan, James Meyer of Illinois, Janet Saillard of Illinois, Judy Alico of Arizona and Jerry Friedgen of Michigan; several great-nieces and great-nephews; several great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews; and a sister-in-law, Lena Meyer of Aurora.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Batavia, with Pastor Donald Moll officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Batavia West Side Cemetery, Batavia.

Memorials are to Peace Lutheran Church or Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Richard Dye

KENDALLVILLE — Richard Grayson Dye, 65, of Kendallville died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Dye had moved to Noble County in 1978 from Rhode Island.

He had retired in 1976 from the U.S. Navy where he received the rank of EMC. He served during the Vietnam War and graduated from the first class of the Navy's Nuclear Power School at the submarine base at Groton, Conn.

Mr. Dye enjoyed driving and restoring old cars.

He was born June 3, 1939, in Pittsburgh, Pa., to Thomas Houston and Isabelle (Pasetti) Dye.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Rhonda Dye of Avilla; a daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and John Groothuis of Lincoln, Neb.; four brothers, Thomas H. Hanna of New Kensington, Pa., Gary T. Dye of Virginia Beach, Va., Scott S. Dye of Laurel, Mass., and Mark H. Dye of Vienna, Va.; and four grandchildren, Nathaniel Houston Dye, Eric Michael Dye, Stephanie Nicole Dye and Rebecca Lynn Groothuis.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, with Pastor James Archambeault officiating. A military service will be conducted by Avilla American Legion Post 240 on the south lawn of the funeral home.

Calling will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Four County Vocational Cooperative in Kendallville.

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Daniel Dillon

EDON, Ohio — Daniel H. "Rat" Dillon, 59, of Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at 2:30 p.m. at Edward E. Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich.

Mr. Dillon was a 1962 graduate of Edon High School. He served his country in the Army during the Vietnam War.

He worked as a maintenance electrician at Metaldyne for the past 37 years. As a hobby, he served as a mechanic and pit crew member for Myers Motorsports, based in Hamilton.

He was born Oct. 26, 1944, in Angola to Hugh H. and Jeanette W. (Gearhart) Dillon. His mother survives in Edon and his father preceded him in death.

He married Patricia A. Button on May 8, 1970, in Pleasant Lake. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Chad Myers of Hamilton; one granddaughter, Maddison Myers of Hamilton; a brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Cloidette Dillon of Edon; and one niece, Kendell Dillon.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon. Pastor Eric Dailey will officiate. Burial will be in Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be Wednesday from 1 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) in the funeral home.

Memorials are to establish an educational fund for his granddaughter, Maddison.

Condolences may be sent to Dillonfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Lois Davenport-Adams

FORT WAYNE — Lois I. Davenport-Adams, 94, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was co-owner of Davenport Insurance Agency and a member of St. Joseph United Methodist Church, Insurance Women's Association of Fort Wayne, National Charter Lifetime and Naomi Federated Women's Club.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Bruce P. and Pattie Davenport of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Joyce M. and Dick Collins; a stepson, David Adams of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Susan Kaake of Carmel; 13 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her first husband, Paul Davenport; her second husband, Raymond Adams; a stepson, Larry Adams; and a grandson, Shane Davenport.

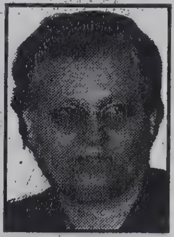
Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph United Methodist Church, 6004 Reed Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, and from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church on Thursday.

Memorials are to St. Joseph United Methodist Church.

Cindy Gibson

KENDALLVILLE — Cindy Gibson, 47, of Kendallville died at 1:21 a.m. Monday, July 26, 2004, at her home. She had been ill two years.



Mrs. Gibson

Ms. Gibson was a homemaker and lifetime Kendallville resident.

She graduated from East Noble High School in 1974.

She was born March 8, 1957, in Kendallville to Denver and Martha (Swander) Gibson. They are deceased.

Surviving are five sisters and two brothers-in-law, Marlene Arnold of Rome City, Crestene Mosley of Kendallville, Geraldine and Milton Robinson of Fort Wayne, Laura Arnold of Kendallville, and Cathleen and Donald Mosley of Kendallville; and two brothers, Marvin Gibson of Fort Wayne and Steve Gibson of Kendallville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastors Earl Rose Jr. and Larry Anglemeyer officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be after 11 a.m. today at the church with an evening service at 7 p.m. today the church.

Memorials are to the family of Cindy Gibson.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Adolph Scare

FORT WAYNE — Adolph "Al" Scare, 72, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Wilshire, Ohio, he was a repairman with International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

He was involved with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 14000 and American Legion Post 47, and was the recipient of the numerous Korean War military citations, including two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

Surviving are his wife, Irma M. Scare of Fort Wayne; a son, Gary L. Scare of Montpelier; a daughter, Dr. Susan M. Pottenger of Rocky Hill, Conn.; three grandchildren; four sisters, Agnes Storm of Centerville, Mich., Erma Mecklenberg and Mary Conklin, both of Sturgis, Mich., and Anna Wilson of Galesburg, Mich.; and five brothers, Walter Scare of Avilla, Henry Scare of Fort Wayne, Louis Scare of Colon, Mich., Paul Scare of Greenville, and John Scare of Dundee, Mich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Meadowcrest Brethren Church.

Cathie Baker

WATERLOO — Cathie Jane Baker, 57, of Waterloo died Sunday, July 25, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Baker was born in Hicksville, Ohio, on April 24, 1947, to Max H. and Lois M. (Smith) Fetzer. She was a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School, and was a homemaker before residing in Auburn.

Surviving are her mother, Lois Fetzer of Hamilton; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Craig Hennessey of Hamilton, Scott and Colleen Hennessey of Edgerton, Ohio, Brian Hennessey of Fort Wayne, and Brad and Tonya Hennessey of Ashley; a daughter and son-in-law, Heather and Donald Thorndyke of Waterloo; a brother, Max S. Fetzer II of Hamilton; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Marsha and Charles Peter of Hicksville and Rebecca and Thomas Cool of Hamilton; nine grandchildren and three stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church, Hamilton, with the Rev. Eric Stoops officiating. Calling will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to the Hamilton United Methodist Church or Hospice of DeKalb County.

Arrangements are being handled by Oberlin-Ford Funeral Home, Hamilton.

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Charlotte Wise-Smith

AUBURN — Charlotte LaVon Wise-Smith, 75, of Auburn died Monday, July 26, 2004, at 5:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked at the former Souder's Hospital in Auburn. She lived in Auburn for more than 60 years at the same address on Pennsylvania Avenue.

She was born July 1, 1929, at her home in Elkhart County.

Her first husband, Ira Wise Jr., preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1974.

Her second husband, Gerald D. Smith, preceded her in death on May 27, 1997.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, Charles Goodacre in 1960 and Myrtle LaVon (Springer) Livergood-Goodacre on July 23, 1976; two half-brothers, Robert Livergood and Ronald M. Livergood Sr.; an infant sister, Charlene Goodacre; and a stepdaughter, Joy Lynn Smith.

Surviving are four daughters, Francis L. (Wise) Abel and her husband George of Auburn, Martha K. (Wise) Patterson and her husband Bill of Springfield, Ohio, Dorothey C. (Wise) DeMint and her fiance, Max E. "Skip" Deetz of Auburn, and Helen L. (Wise) Munoz and her husband Don of Bloomfield, Mich.; one son, Samuel "Sam" A. Wise and his wife, Sherry Thimlar, of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a stepson, Furl Smith and his wife, Karen Pierson, of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn. Pastors D.V. Dillinger and John Scott will preside.

There will be no calling.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Dowty

OSSIAN — Mary L. Dowty, 83, of Acworth, Ga., and formerly of Ossian, died Sunday, July 25, 2004, in Marietta, Ga.

An Allen County native, she had worked at General Electric Co. and retired from Amoco Oil as a lab supervisor.

She was a past member of the Ossian Order of the Eastern Star and the Ossian United Methodist Church.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Ronald L. and Nancy Dowty of Leo and Jerry W. Dowty of Acworth, Ga.; two sisters, Dorothy Patten of Ossian and Norma Johnson of Fort Wayne; four brothers, Raymond Johnson and Merle Johnson, both of Fort Wayne, Robert Johnson of Hamilton and Carl Johnson of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in the Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 W. Mill St., Ossian, with burial in Oak Lawn Cemetery in Ossian.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Forrest Slabaugh

LIGONIER — Forrest W. Slabaugh, 92, of rural Ligonier died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at his residence.

Born on April 5, 1912, in Ligonier, he was the son of Willard and Zuila Slabaugh. He married Beulah Rice on Aug. 30, 1936, and they made their home on the Slabaugh farm northwest of Ligonier.

She preceded him in death.

He spent his entire life on the family farm. He attended Perry Central School and Ligonier High School, graduating in 1929 as salutatorian.

Mr. Slabaugh was an REMC board member for several years, participated in the Ligonier Rifle Club and was active in the farm community's Euchre Club. He enjoyed farming, the outdoors, fishing and loved animals.

Surviving are three sons, Kenneth, Willard and Michael Slabaugh; three grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law, Mark and Christina Slabaugh, Michael Slabaugh and Maren Slabaugh; and four great-grandchildren, Alexander, Elyse, Megan and Mia Slabaugh.

In addition to his wife, his parents, two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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Alberta Lutter

LAOTTO — Alberta Lutter, 79, of rural LaOtto died at 12 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of Irwin and Daisy (Gordon) Green. On Oct. 19, 1946, she married Clarence S. Lutter in Churubusco. He survives.

She lived in the LaOtto area all of her married life.

Mrs. Lutter graduated from Churubusco High School in 1944 and was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, a homemaker and an Indiana University fan. She was also a member of the Churubusco O.E.S. She worked at Magnavox Corp. in Fort Wayne until 1946.

Surviving in addition to her husband are a son, Steven K. Lutter of Mishawaka; a daughter, Karen S. Sweeney of rural LaOtto; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Paul Offhaus of Messiah Lutheran Church officiating. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery south of Churubusco.

Calling will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to Messiah Lutheran Church, DeKalb County Hospice or Noble County Humane Society.

Condolences may be emailed at: sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Elizabeth Clouse

ALBION — Elizabeth "Betty" Clouse, 89, of Albion died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City, where she was a patient since June 3.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Lucille Herczeg

AVILLA — Lucille M. Herczeg, 90, of Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, formerly of Kendallville, died at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

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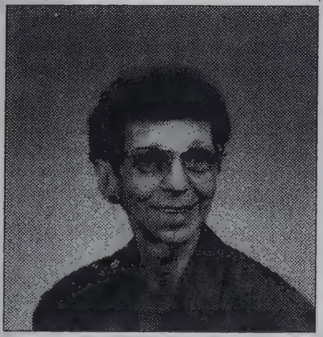
Former GOP chair dies



Dottie Hanneman

Editor's Note: the following is being reprinted to included the complete article.

by Joy LeCount

WAWAKA — Dorothy (Dottie) Hanneman, who as Noble County Republican chairwoman guided GOP candidates through several election victories during her five-year tenure, has lost her two year battle with lung cancer. Dottie died at her Steinbarger Lake home Friday.

Although Mrs. Hanneman, 70, had resigned as chairwoman in December 2002 after her condition was diagnosed as terminal, she continued to work behind the scenes lending her political savvy and her "spunk."

Mrs. Hanneman's zeal for politics, her love for her country and her hard work were a winning combination. During her first general election as GOP chair, Republicans won seven of the 11 county contests in an off-year election — the best showing in nearly 30 years. And that was just the start of things to come. City and town elections across the county were won by Republicans over the next five years, too.

"Dottie was a motivator in a kind way," said Marilyn Morr of Albion, who was a friend and served as president of the Noble County Republican Women under Hanneman's leadership. "We were good friends. Dottie was probably the best friend I ever had."

"She did more for the Republican Party than anyone I can remember," Morr continued. "She was strong willed, but she knew how to use it for positive results. It takes a lot of ambition and dedication to be a good party chairperson."

Dottie and Charles (Chuck) Hanneman moved to Noble County from Allen County in 1989. They brought a lot of political experience with them and were soon in the thick of things politically in their new community.

Mrs. Hanneman served as vice chairman of the Noble County GOP under former chairman Lewis Moser. In March 1997, she defeated Moser for the post and was elected to another four-year term in 2001.

Mrs. Hanneman was instrumental in encouraging Kendallville Mayor Suzanne Handshoe to seek that office in 1999 when Handshoe was unsuccessful. Although no longer GOP chair, Dottie and Chuck Hanneman provided behind the scenes encouragement for Handshoe's second and victorious campaign in 2003.

Noble County Sheriff Gary Leatherman recalls the encouragement and support he received from them during his 2002 campaign.

'Beginning early in 2002, when I was pondering running for sheriff, I met with Dottie and Chuck, and they helped me get the ball rolling. Throughout the campaign they provided tremendous encouragement and were very supportive. When things were down, they kept me motivated, offering insights and pointers which helped."

"Dottie always had words of encouragement and a hug," Sheriff Leatherman said. "I'm going to miss that."

"What strikes me most when I think about Dottie is that her friendships crossed party lines," said Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse. "Dottie was actually responsible for bringing many Democrats into the GOP fold."

"In addition to her dedication to the party, Dottie was a good American," Prosecutor Clouse continued. "She believed in keeping the democratic process in place. And aside from being a political confidant, Dottie was a good friend to Kim and me."

Prosecutor Clouse will be speaking during the memorial service for Mrs. Hanneman Wednesday evening.

While residing in Allen County, Mrs. Hanneman had served as a GOP precinct committeeman. She had worked for the Allen county recorder and auditor and for the Allen County License Branch. In the administration of former Fort Wayne Mayor Robert Armstrong, she served as ombudsman. She was assistant purchasing director under former Fort Wayne Mayor Paul Helmke.

In addition to giving her leadership to the GOP, Dottie was interested in putting her energy to work as an elected official. She made unsuccessful bids as the Republican candidate for Noble county recorder in 1998 and 2002.

Noble County Republican Chairman Ed Krause of Kendallville served as Mrs. Hanneman's vice-chair until her retirement.

"She worked hard as party leader. She brought the party through many victories during her time as chairman," Krause said. "I learned a lot under her tutelage. Her astute political perspective was admired by those in both political parties. Dottie will be missed by all who knew and loved her."

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Luellen Werker

ALBION — Luellen Kay Werker, 49, of Albion, died Thursday, July 22, 2004, at her mother's residence in Albion.

A lifetime resident of Noble County, she was born in LaGrange on June 29, 1955, to Charles Lewis and H. Beth (Moore) Werker.

She graduated from West Noble High School in 1973, and was a 1977 graduate of Purdue University. She was employed as a registered nurse at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Surviving relatives include her mother, H. Beth Werker in Albion; two sisters, Margaret (Dennis) Meyer of North Webster, and Jane (Jim) Brickey of Ligonier; one brother, Charles Ray "Chuck" Werker of Kimmell; two nieces, Jill (James) Stiles of Bluffton and Joy (Trent) Wert of Ligonier; and two nephews, Scott Dean Meyer of Indianapolis and Dave Yankosky of Milford.

She was preceded in death by her father, Charles Werker.

Services were held Sunday, July 25, 2004, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, with Pastor Ann Marshall officiating.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to Whitley County Hospice.

Betty Pratt

KIMMELL — Betty Joan Pratt, 75, of Kimmell died Monday, July 19, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Pratt was retired from Starcraft RV. She was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, playing bingo and had been on a bowling team. She was a die-hard Cubs fan.

Mrs. Pratt was born Aug. 8, 1928, in Chicago, Ill., to George A. and Nellie M. (Baker) Leatherman. On March 10, 1954, in Jacksonville, Fla., she married William M. "Mackie" Pratt. He died in 1983.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Billy M. and Katie Pratt of Kimmell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Melissa J. and Rich Roush of Fort Wayne and Leeanne S. Peirce of Kimmell; a sister, Gloria J. Beckner of Ligonier; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Alton Leatherman.

Services were held Friday, July 23, 2004, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

For those who wish, memorials are to the U.S. Navy Memorial, Box 12728, Arlington, VA 22209

Elizabeth Clouse

ALBION — Elizabeth C. (Williamson) Clouse of Albion died Tuesday, July 27, 2004 at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City where she had resided since early June.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Adolph Scare

FORT WAYNE — Adolph "Al" Scare, 72, of Fort Wayne died Monday, July 26, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A native of Wilshire, Ohio, he was a repairman with International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1985.

Adolph Scare
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He was involved with Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 14000 and American Legion Post 47, and was the recipient of the numerous Korean War military citations, including two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart.

Surviving are his wife, Irma M. Scare of Fort Wayne; a son, Gary L. Scare of Montpelier; a daughter, Dr. Susan M. Pottenger of Rocky Hill, Conn.; three grandchildren; four sisters, Agnes Storm of Centerville, Mich., Erma Mecklenberg and Mary Conklin, both of Sturgis, Mich., and Anna Wilson of Galesburg, Mich.; and five brothers, Walter Scare of Avilla, Henry Scare of Fort Wayne, Louis Scare of Colon, Mich., Paul Scare of Greenville, and John Scare of Dundee, Mich.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with burial at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Meadowcrest Brethren Church.

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Arthur Priest

GREENFIELD, IN — Arthur B. Priest, 94, of Greenfield died Thursday, July 22, 2004.

A Noble County native, he was born Dec. 31, 1909 to Clarence M. and Ella M. (Baker) Priest. He graduated from Albion High School in 1928.

Six years later he graduated from Askin School of Mortuary Science working as a professional funeral director and worker until 1987. He worked first at Lynam Funeral Home in Greenfield and Alexander & Son Funeral Home in Evansville. Most recently, Mr. Priest worked as a funeral director for Pasco Memorial Mortuary from 1952-1987.

Mr. Priest and his surviving wife, Gertrude (Surfus) Priest of Greenfield, were members of Trinity Park United Methodist Church. The two married Oct. 17, 1931.

Mr. Priest was also a 50-year member of the Greenfield Odd Fellows Lodge and the Hancock F.&A.M. 101.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Priest is survived by a son, James E. Priest of Bainbridge, Ga.; a daughter, Sue Ann Bennett of Indianapolis; six grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; three nieces and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, granddaughter and great-grandson.

Services were held Monday, July 26, 2004, at Pasco-Stillinger Funeral Home in Greenfield with the Rev. Michael Manning officiating. Burial was in Park Cemetery in Greenfield.

Memorials are to Trinity Park United Methodist Church or the Odd Fellows Home in Greensburg.

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Lucille Herczeg

AVILLA — Lucille M. Herczeg, 90, of Avilla died at 8:35 a.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Herczeg

Mrs. Herczeg had formerly lived in Kendallville and had spent most of her life in Noble County.

She had retired from the East Noble School Corp. after teaching school from 1938 to 1976.

Mrs. Herczeg was a graduate of Rome City High School and Ball State University.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and had previously attended St. Gasper Catholic Church.

She was born March 24, 1914, in Faith, S.D., to Thomas and Margaret (Keller) Barron. On April 4, 1942, she married John Herczeg. He died Feb. 7, 1997.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Wesley A. and Patricia Herczeg of Dublin, Ohio; four nieces, Celia Stallings of Rome City, Candy Simons of Austin, Texas, Cindy Dillion of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Amber Field of Naples, Fla.; three sisters-in-law, Lucille Barron of Houston, Rita Herczeg of Naples and Jeanette Herczeg of Mishawaka; a nephew, Bruce Barron of Houston, Texas; a great-nephew, Wesley Stallings of Rome City; a great-niece and her family, Dani and Adam Rittermeyer and children Brienna and Adam of Wolcottville; and close friends, Roger Bir, Bert Rimmel and Judy Keck.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Irene Gough; and a brother, Jim Barron.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Friday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial will be at noon Saturday at Elm Ridge Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Elizabeth Clouse

ALBION — Elizabeth C. "Betty" Clouse, 89, of Albion died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Clouse

Mrs. Clouse was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Clouse was a 1932 graduate of Albion High School.

She was born Feb. 3, 1915, in Noble County to Sherman and Martha (Crume) Williamson.

On April 21, 1935, in Albion, she married Frank E. Clouse. He died Oct. 29, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Stanley Holderman of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Connie Clouse of Syracuse, Thomas and Sharon Clouse of Albion and Wayne and Debra Clouse of Albion; 10 grandchildren, Stanley David Holderman, Ruth Ellen Jajko, Carla Plavchak, Amy Luebbehusen, Melinda Embgenbroich, Steven Clouse, Michele Urban, Elizabeth Vandegrift, Tricia Weiss and Andrea Bockelman; 16 great-grandchildren; and two foster great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Forrest Williamson, and two sisters, Sara Shively and Zelma Jaquay.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church with the Rev. Austin Fergusson and the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and a half-hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Hospice, Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion or Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

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Dorothy McCammon

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. - Word has been received that Dorothy Bruce McCammon, 60, died Friday, June 4, 2004 in Jacksonville.

She was born April 10, 1944 in Rensselaer, Indiana to Lawrence and Mildred (Spurgeon) Bruce.

She married Clark McCammon, who was born and raised in Cromwell. He survives.

She is also survived by her mother, of Jacksonville; one son, Craig McCammon of Tallahassee; one daughter, Stephanie McCammon Newman of Orange Park, Fla.; one sister Sandra Dunn of Fargo, N.D. and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her father.

Mrs. McCammon was a 1962 graduate of Rensselaer High School. She was involved in numerous activities such as high school National Honor Society, band, chorus and cheerleading. She then attended Indiana University where she received her bachelor's degree. She then went on to obtain her Master's degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1967.

Mrs. McCammon began her teaching career at Beaumont Junior High School in Lexington, Ky. from 1967 to 1969. She then taught at Western Illinois University from 1969 to 1972. She worked at the YMCA of McDonough County from 1980 to 2001 and was the aquatic director from 1991 to 2001.

She loved to volunteer for different community activities such as Reach to Recovery in Macomb. She believed and lived the "Y" philosophy.

Arrangements were handled by Quinn-Shalz Family Funeral Home and Cremation Centre in Jacksonville Beach.

Memorials are to the YMCA of McDonough County, Aquatics Program in Macomb.

Forrest W. Slabaugh

LIGONIER — Forrest W. Slabaugh, 92, of rural Ligonier died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at his residence.

Born on April 5, 1912, in Ligonier, he was the son of Willard and Zuila Slabaugh. He married Beulah Rice on Aug. 30, 1936, and they made their home on the Slabaugh farm northwest of Ligonier.

She preceded him in death.

He spent his entire life on the family farm. He attended Perry Central School and Ligonier High School, graduating in 1929 as salutatorian.

Mr. Slabaugh was an REMC board member for several years, participated in the Ligonier Rifle Club and was active in the farm community's Euchre Club. He enjoyed farming, the outdoors, fishing and loved animals.

Surviving are three sons, Kenneth, Willard and Michael Slabaugh; three grandchildren and a granddaughter-in-law, Mark and Christina Slabaugh, Michael Slabaugh and Maren Slabaugh; and four great-grandchildren, Alexander, Elyse, Megan and Mia Slabaugh.

In addition to his wife, his parents, two brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Sherry J. James

Sherry J. James, 50, of Goshen, died at 11:35 p.m. Monday, July 26, 2004 at her home after a short illness.

She was born Nov. 4, 1953 to Ronald C. "Joe" and Tommie (Bryant) Brundige in LaGrange and lived her whole life in the Goshen and Ligonier area. She was a 1972 graduate of West Noble High School.

She was married to Samuel R. "Dick" James on Aug. 17, 1978 in Elkhart.

She was a homemaker and had worked at Western Rubber Co. for 12 years as an inspector for quality control. She worked at the Elkhart County recorder's office in Goshen from November 2002 until the onset of her illness.

She was a member of the DAV No. 15 Auxiliary, enjoyed feeding and watching wild birds, flower gardening, reading and working on her computer.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Shannon J. (Bryan) Smith, Granger; two stepdaughters, Kimberly (Fred) Kieper and Karen (Ram) James, both of Goshen; a stepson, Matthew (Kathy) James, Granger; five grandchildren; her mother, Tommie Brundige, Ligonier; and two brothers, Donald R. (Sis) Brundige, Fort Smith, Ark., and Douglas G. Brundige, Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her father, who died Nov. 25, 1999.

Services were this morning at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, with the Rev. Fred Curry of the Full Gospel Community Church, New Paris, officiating.

Burial was in Elkhart Prairie Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials may be directed to the DAV No. 15 or Goshen Care at Home Hospice.

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Marvin Poyser

COLUMBIA CITY — Marvin G. Poyser, 82, of Whitley County died Thursday, July 22, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Poyser had worked at Bob Porter Chevrolet in Ligonier from 1955 until he retired in 1992.

He was a member and past commander of the American Legion Post in Cromwell and a 4-H leader in Noble County from 1961 until 1972.

Mr. Poyser was born July 21, 1922, in Noble County the son of George M. and G. Ethel (Hursey) Poyser. He completed his education at Cromwell High School.

On Jan. 4, 1941, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater during World War II. He was honorably discharged July 18, 1945.

On Sept. 27, 1950, he married Jean F. Leslie. The couple made their home in Kimmell and at Crooked Lake before moving to their present home in 1999.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vanessa and Bob Davidsen of Jackson, Mich., and Valerie and Melvin Wietfeldt of Columbia City; three brothers, Arthur Poyser of Cromwell, Jess Poyser of Cromwell and the Rev. Donald Poyser of North Webster; and three grandchildren, Christopher Davidsen and his wife, Liz, Bradley Davidsen and Jessica Wietfeldt.

Services were Sunday at Smith and Sons Funeral Home in Columbia City with the Rev. Donald Poyser officiating.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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Margaret Patton

COLUMBUS — Margaret M. Patton, 88, of Columbus died Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Columbus Regional Hospital.

Mrs. Patton was born in Columbus on June 21, 1916, to John and Loretta (Wilbur) Elzea.

She married Millard D. Patton in 1940, and he preceded her in death in 1992.

She was a homemaker, had been a foster parent for many years, and was a former manager of Paul Harris clothing store and Les Normandie, Steinburg and Columbus Village apartment complexes.

She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of Elizabethtown United Methodist Church and attended the First Assembly of God.

Surviving are a son, Millard Dean Patton of Couer d'Alene, Idaho; two daughters, Shirley Faye McNeish of Fremont and Sharon Collins of Columbus; nine grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Martha Jane Hull; several brothers and sisters; and a granddaughter, Teresa Baker Szarvas.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Barkes, Inlow & Weaver Funeral Home on Washington Street, Columbus, with the Rev. Robert W. Reeves Sr. officiating.

Calling will be from 4:30 to 8 p.m. today and from noon until service time Saturday.

Burial will be in Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus.

Memorials are to the charity of the donor's choice.

Dr. Robert Dodd

LEBANON, Ill. — Dr. Robert Dodd, 85, of Lebanon and formerly of South Bend, Ind., died May 31, 2004, at Cedar Ridge Health Care in Lebanon.

Dr. Dodd had served on the medical staff at Memorial Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital, both in South Bend. He was a member of the St. Joseph County Medical Society and the Indiana State Medical Society.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and a 1944 graduate of the Indiana School of Medicine.

Dr. Dodd was born Nov. 29, 1918, in Johnstown, Pa., to Edward and Elsa (Darr) Dodd.

His wife Harriett June (Jackson) Dodd is deceased. The couple had been married 51 years at the time of her death.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, William and Eileen (Clarke) Dodd of O'Fallon, Ill., and Jeffrey Dodd of Wilmette, Ill.; a grandson, Andrew Robert Dodd of O'Fallon; a granddaughter, Tess Elizabeth Dodd of O'Fallon; two sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Carmichael of Ligonier and Sally Dodd of Piscataway, N.J.; a niece, Diane Dodd Peterson of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and a nephew, Jed Dodd of Philadelphia, Pa.

Also preceding him in death was a brother, Edward Dodd.

A memorial committal service will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Diane McMahon

KENDALLVILLE — Diane M. McMahon, 46, of Kendallville died Wednesday, July 28, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. McMahon was a homemaker.

She was born April 18, 1958, in Chicago, Ill.

Surviving are a daughter, Jessica Hart of Kendallville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Gail and Michael Watkins of Fort Wayne and Karen and Jeff Maxwell of Fort Wayne; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Timothy and Rita McMahon of Seven Hills, Ohio, and Tom and Marie McMahon of Fort Wayne; and a companion, Nicholas Smith of Kendallville.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road.

Calling will be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or Parkview Home Health Care & Hospice.

Verna Souder

KENDALLVILLE — Verna Mae Souder, 91, of Kendallville died at 3:35 p.m. Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct errors in information provided by the funeral home.*

Elizabeth Clouse

ALBION — Elizabeth C. "Betty" Clouse, 89, of Albion died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Clouse

Mrs. Clouse was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Clouse was a 1932 graduate of Albion High School.

She was born Feb. 3, 1915, in Noble County to Sherman and Martha (Crume) Williamson.

On April 21, 1935, in Albion, she married Frank E. Clouse. He died Oct. 29, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Stanley Holdeman of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Connie Clouse of Syracuse, Thomas and Sharon Clouse of Albion and Wayne and Debra Clouse of Albion; 10 grandchildren, Stanley David Holdeman, Ruth Ellen Jajko, Carla Plavchak, Amy Luebbehusen, Melinda Embgenbroich, Steven Clouse, Michele Urban, Elizabeth Vandegrift, Tricia Weiss and Andrea Bockelman; 16 great-grandchildren; and two foster great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Forrest Williamson, and two sisters, Sara Shively and Zelma Jaquay.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Asbury United Methodist Church with the Rev. Austin Fergusson and the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial will be in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. today at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and a half-hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Hospice, Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion or Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to provide additional information.*

Charlotte Wise-Smith

AUBURN — Charlotte LaVon Wise-Smith, 75, of Auburn died Monday, July 26, 2004, at 5:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked at the former Souder's Hospital in Auburn. She lived in Auburn for more than 60 years at the same address on Pennsylvania Avenue.

She was born July 1, 1929, at her home in Elkhart County.

Her first husband, Ira Wise Jr., preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1974. Her second husband, Gerald D. Smith, preceded her in death on May 27, 1997.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, Charles Goodacre in 1960 and Myrtle LaVon (Springer) Livergood-Goodacre on July 23, 1976; two half brothers, Robert Livergood and Ronald M. Livergood Sr.; an infant sister, Charlene Goodacre; and a stepdaughter, Joy Lynn Smith.

Surviving are four daughters, Frances L. (Wise) Abel and her husband George of Auburn, Martha K. (Wise) Patterson and her husband William of Springfield, Ohio, Dorothey C. (Wise) DeMint and her fiance, Max E. "Skip" Deetz of Auburn, and Helen L. (Wise) Munoz and her husband Donald of Bloomfield, Mich.; one son, Samuel "Sam" A. Wise and his wife, Sherry Thimlar, of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a stepson, Furl Smith and his wife, Karen Pierson, of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn. Pastors D.V. Dillinger and John Scott will preside.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ of Northeast Indiana, P.O. Box 424, Auburn IN 46706, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

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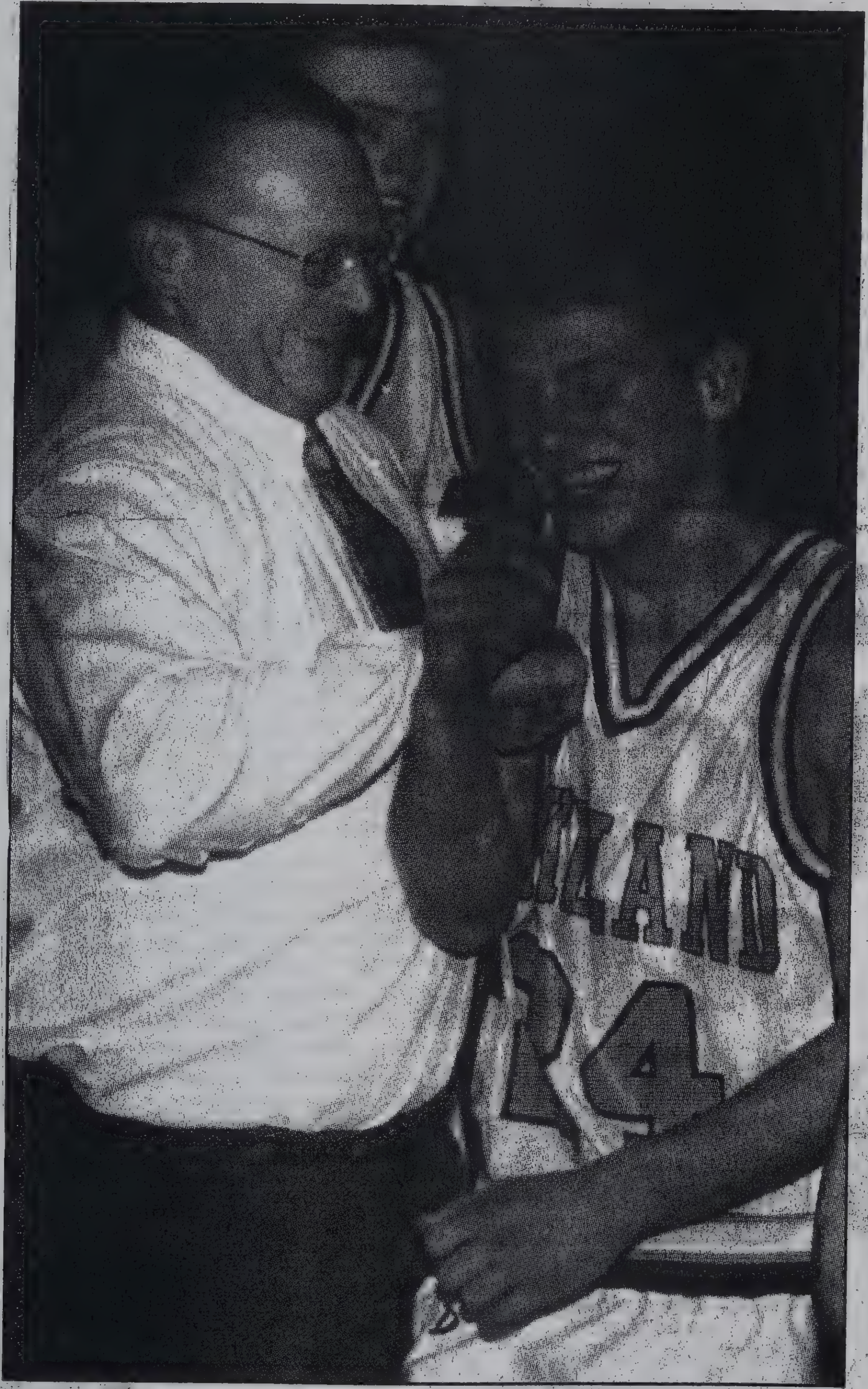
A nice guy who loved life



FILE PHOTO

Lakeland assistant coach Terry Schmidt, left, celebrates with former player Adam Currier after the Lakers claimed the 3A Sectional title in this 2003 file photo. Schmidt, a former East Noble baseball standout, died Thursday at the age of 52.

Area mourns passing of community leader Terry Schmidt, 52

ERIC HARTZ

LAGRANGE — Terry Schmidt loved life more than anyone I've ever met — which is why it's so hard to believe he's no longer living.

If everyone in LaGrange and Kendallville seem like they lost their best friend this weekend, it's because they did. Schmidt passed away Thursday night at the age of 52 doing something he loved — playing basketball in the LaGrange Town Park Basketball League, a league he founded more than 20 years ago.

The influence he had on the LaGrange community, and the void felt by his loss, is as tangible as any I can remember in my 25 years living here.

Everyone I know has a story to share about Schmidt. Most have about 50.

Lifelong friend Dennis Nartker of Kendallville said, "Terry was my best friend. Terry was a good friend to a lot of people."

Nartker and Schmidt grew up together in Kendallville, attended Kendallville Junior High and graduated from East Noble High School in 1970.

"We were altar servers at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church from grade school through high school. We bowled on the same team from grade school through high school. We played on the same baseball and basketball teams, and along with four other friends formed the first East Noble tennis team in 1968.

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NICE GUY: *Schmidt loved to organize games, outings*

"Terry was the best hitter on the East Noble varsity baseball team for three years, and anchored the 1968 semistate team. He played third when I pitched and boosted my confidence when I was down."

"He taught me how to play golf, solve complicated math problems, throw a curveball and eat a ham salad sandwich in one bite," Nartker remembered.

"We had great times together with great memories that will be with me forever."

Schmidt's love for sports as a young man carried over to his adult life. Name a game, and Schmidt was good enough to beat almost anyone at it.

If Magic Johnson had been a white banker, he would have been named Terry Schmidt. He was a wizard with a basketball in his hands, able to embarrass taller, quicker, stronger players with a seemingly endless repertoire of runners, half-hooks and great passes.

On the golf course, he couldn't hit the ball more than 200 yards, but I always marveled when we added up our scores, his was nearly always in the 70s, while I was always in the 80s (or 90s).

He was a great bowler, a skilled card player and a clutch putter. Even more than that, he was a person everybody loved to be around.

"He's Mr. Personality," friend Mike Griewank said one night, before launching into a story about Schmidt, a wild night in Ohio, a burrito and a car heater.

I've heard plenty more stories, one by one, over the years. My father, who hired Schmidt at Shipshewana State Bank when they were both young bucks in 1976, shared a few with me — stories about playing Frisbee in the bank lobby and climbing out windows to play golf in the afternoons.

"He was a friend to all," Dr. Tom Knight of LaGrange said. "I never saw a bad day out of him. In his eyes, everything was always perfect.

"He was my best friend for 20 years, and he taught me many things: About life, about golf ... he was just a great guy. What a great loss to our community."

When Tim Sirk became Lakeland's varsity basketball coach in 1995, he asked Schmidt to help out with the program however he could. If you've seen Lakeland play in the last nine years, you've seen Schmidt — he was the one at the end of the bench with the legal pad, taking copious statistics.

He was also usually the one in between the referees and Sirk's wrath.

"The last line of defense," Sirk said with a laugh. "It was absolutely amazing what he could do (with statistics). I mean, things a computer could do. He did a fabulous job.

"It got to a point where I would always look forward to him coming into the coaches' office before a game, because he made me relaxed, he made me a better coach. I went from liking him to depending on him to loving him.

"As far as Lakeland basketball goes, he's been a huge part of this program."

Schmidt was never paid a dime for his efforts as an assistant coach. He established a basketball scholarship, given to the Lakeland senior basketball player with the highest GPA each year.

Schmidt did many things outside of sports, too. He was the president of the LaGrange County Community Foundation, a Moose, a Shrine member and a member of the Scottish Rite. He was also a loving husband and father. He was LaGrange County's first certified financial planner, flying to Denver one weekend a month for four years to get his certification.

A natural leader, Schmidt loved to organize games, outings and trips with his friends. He always took charge of the Wednesday Choose-Up at Heron Creek Golf Club, making the teams, handling the money and laying down the rules. He was even Heron Creek's club champion from 1984-87. He ran a huge NCAA basketball pool every spring. Next month, he, Knight and about 50 friends had a bus trip planned to go see local stock car racer Joel Kauffman race in Schererville.

As for me? Terry was my neighbor until I was 6, my coach in high school, and a friend and mentor in my adult life. The man wrote my college recommendation letters and gladly took my $15 every Wednesday.

"He would laugh if someone tried to make him out to be something he wasn't," Sirk said. "I think he'd like to be remembered for what he was: a nice guy who loved life and really wanted to help this community."

I agree. Although he will be greatly missed by a great many people, I doubt Terry would want to be mourned too much. He would want us to go on laughing, living, loving, drinking beer and handing out four skins every Wednesday afternoon.

Besides, it's not hard to imagine where he is now: on the most beautiful 18 holes in heaven, with an unlimited supply of cold Coors Light. And that, like so many other things about the man, makes me smile.

Make a tee time, Terry. The rest of us will be along, sooner or later.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information about survivors.*

Charlotte Wise-Smith

AUBURN — Charlotte LaVon Wise-Smith, 75, of Auburn, died Monday, July 26, 2004, at 5:50 p.m. in Betz Nursing Home of Auburn.

She was a homemaker and worked at the former Souder's Hospital in Auburn. She lived in Auburn for more than 60 years at the same address on Pennsylvania Avenue.

She was born July 1, 1929, at her home in Elkhart County.

Her first husband, Ira Wise Jr., preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1974. Her second husband, Gerald D. Smith, preceded her in death on May 27, 1997.

Also preceding her in death were her parents, Charles Goodacre in 1960 and Myrtle LaVon (Springer) Livergood-Goodacre on July 23, 1976; two half-brothers, Robert Livergood and Ronald M. Livergood Sr.; an infant sister, Charlene Goodacre; and a stepdaughter, Joy Lynn Smith.

Surviving are four daughters, Frances L. (Wise) Abel and her husband George of Auburn, Martha K. (Wise) Patterson and her husband William of Springfield, Ohio, Dorothey C. (Wise) DeMint and her fiance, Max E. "Skip" Deetz of Auburn, and Helen L. (Wise) Munoz and her husband Donald of Bloomfield, Mich.; one son, Samuel "Sam" A. Wise and his wife, Sherry Thimlar, of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; a stepson, Furl Smith and his wife, Karen Pierson, of Auburn; 10 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

A memorial service will be Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. in the Auburn Church of Christ, 208 W. Eighteenth St., Auburn. Pastors D.V. Dillinger and John Scott will preside.

There will be no calling.

Memorials are to Youth For Christ of Northeast Indiana, P.O. Box 424, Auburn IN 46706, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Mary Rhea** were held at 11 a.m. July 22 at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Allen Rhea, Mike Rhea, David Rhea, Mike Munk, Walt Domer and Rick Robertson.

Verna Mae Souder

KENDALLVILLE — Verna Mae Souder, 91, of Kendallville died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at 3:35 p.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Mrs. Souder was an LPN with the health care program at Kneipp Springs in Rome City. She lived at the Lamplighter since 1975.

She was also a member of the Immaculate Conception Altar and Rosary Society and the Immaculate Conception Church Poor Souls Society. She attended Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

She was a former resident of Kneipp Springs in Rome City, where she lived from 1967 to 1975.

She was born to Frank Louis and Clara (Long) Souder in Tiffin, Ohio.

She is survived by a sister, Ruth Scherger of Tiffin.

Preceding her in death were three sisters, Frances Jo Kuhn, Belva McElheny and Madeline McCarthy; and three brothers, George Souder, Paul Souder and Richard Souder.

Funeral services will be Monday at noon Indiana time at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Tiffin. St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tiffin will preside.

Viewing will be private.

Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling local arrangements.

Terry Schmidt

LAGRANGE — Terry J. Schmidt, 52, of Howe died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at 9:12 p.m. at LaGrange Community Hospital.

Mr. Schmidt was vice president of financial services at Farmers State Bank in LaGrange, branch manager of Shipshewana State Bank in LaGrange and a financial consultant with Wells Fargo Bank in Angola.

Mr. Schmidt

He was also president of the LaGrange County Community Foundation and a member of the Sons of the American Legion Post 215, LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351, Meridian Sun Lodge F&AM 76, Fort Wayne Scottish Rite member, LaGrange County Shrine Club, Mizpah Temple of Fort Wayne and Sturgis Bowling League.

He also served as Lakeland High School assistant boys basketball coach and was an original organizer of the LaGrange Town Park Basketball League.

He was born Feb. 9, 1952, in Kendallville to Paul and Donna (Dillon) Schmidt.

He married Michelle Morehouse on Nov. 18, 1989, in Goshen, and she survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Michael (Stacia) Hockett of Indianapolis and Tricia Schmidt of Camby; a brother, Stan Schmidt of Waterloo; a sister, Sandra Desper of Kendallville; and a granddaughter, Brittany Hockett of Indianapolis.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange, with burial at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange. The Rev. Paul Faroh will officiate.

Visitation will be from 1 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Terry Schmidt Scholarship Fund.

Marceil Bickel

PENDLETON — Marceil I. Bickel, 91, of Pendleton and formerly of Ligonier, died Friday, July 30, 2004, at 4 a.m. in Pendleton.

Ms. Bickel was retired from Superior Sample Co. She attended the Evangelical Church and belonged to the Happy 8's Canasta Club. She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and cooking.

She was born Jan. 18, 1913, in Noble County to Earnest and Nellie Duesler Huff.

She married Frederick P. Bickel March 2, 1935, in Burket. He died Jan. 2, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter, Sally Owen of Pendleton; a son, Terry Bickel of Indianapolis; a sister-in-law, Grace Bickel of Ligonier; 10 grandchildren, Susan and Jeff Julian of Hagerstown; Linda and Tim Lawyer of Modock; Terri Owen and Jim Jackson of Markelville; Michael and Missy Bickel of Indianapolis; and Todd and Stephanie Bickel; 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband; three brothers, Arlo, Elton and William Huff; and a sister, Vita.

A graveside service will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at Orr Funeral Home in Ligonier. Funeral services will be immediately following visitation.

Memorials are to the Kidney Foundation of Indiana or American Cancer Society.

Melba Henry

FRANKLIN — Melba Bernice Henry, 79, of Franklin, died Thursday, July 29, 2004, at Franklin United Methodist Community Hospital.

Mrs. Henry was born Aug. 19, 1924, in Canton, Ohio, to Richard Verne and Mabel (Shover) Roberson. She married William Lynn Henry on Dec. 20, 1945, and he survives.

She was a 1942 graduate of Canton High School. She attended Indiana Central College and graduated from Bethel College in Mishawaka in 1961.

She was a school teacher for South Bend School Corp., Fort Wayne School Corp., Anderson School Corp., and Cedar Lake Schools.

She was a member of the Anderson First United Methodist Church, where her husband was pastor for several years, and also belonged to the Indiana Teachers Association.

Also surviving are two sons, David L. Henry of Angola and Michael D. Henry of Charlotte, N.C.; a brother, Warren Roberson; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a sister.

Services will be 10:30 a.m. Monday at Wright Memorial Chapel at the Franklin United Methodist Church, with the Rev. John Eley officiating. Calling will be Monday from 9 to 10:30 a.m.

Burial will be in Ninemile Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are being handled by Vandivier-Tudor Funeral Home.

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Clear Lake man loved to fly

Planes were a passion of Mr. Hansbarger

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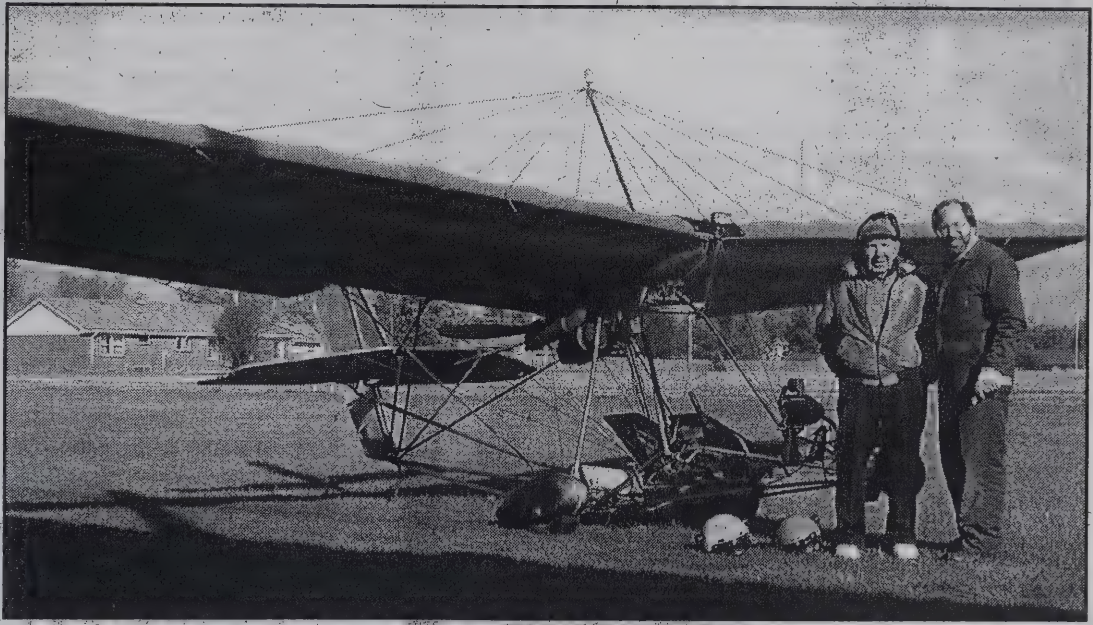
CLEAR LAKE — He was in his 80s and couldn't really do the flying himself, but Larry Hansbarger still loved being in the air.

"About a year-and-a-half, two years ago, I bought the ultra-light (plane). I trained in Decatur, and the whole purpose of all of that was to get my dad back up," said Mr. Hansbarger's son, Mark.



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Larry Hansbarger and his son, Mark, pose with Mark's ultra-light airplane. Mark bought the plane specifically so he could take his father flying.

Larry DeFord Hansbarger, 82, died July 23 after being stricken with a brain aneurysm three days earlier.

"Larry was in good health, was very vigorous, enjoyed computers (despite occasional comments to the contrary), worked in the family-owned resort and real estate business, and loved flying," said a write-up posted on the ERA Hansbarger Web site that was put together by Mr. Hansbarger's family. "Unfortunately, his last new flying experience was the Samaritan helicopter flight from Angola's Cameron Memorial Hospital to Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne."

Mr. Hansbarger's love of aviation began during World War II. Mr. Hansbarger was a first lieutenant in the Third Attach Group Airforce. He was stationed in the Pacific, and occupied Japan as a B-24 Liberator weather reconnaissance pilot. Larry's brother, Alan, was also a World War II veteran, and both were honorably discharged.

Mr. Hansbarger married his wife of nearly 52 years, in 1952. The couple moved to Clear Lake in 1955 after the birth of their new son, Mark, where they took over the resort known as the Clear Lake (Cottage) Apartments.

In the mid-1970s, the Hansbargers were half-partners in the construction and development of Clear Lake's Hazenhurst Shores Condominiums, one of the first such projects in the state.

"Mom and Dad built those from scratch," Mark said. "All these condominium things that are happening now ... those are a piece of cake compared to what they went through."

Mr. Hansbarger also had been a surveyor, and worked for C.B. Wood. Mark eventually became a surveyor as well, and his father would accompany him as he walked properties.

"He was my stick man," Mark said.

The Hansbargers were the parents of three sons and a daughter. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The complete obituary compiled by the Hansbarger family, as well as various family photos, can be found online at www.hansbarger.com/larry.

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Simmons was 'always happy and cheerful'

BY BILL GISEL
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KENDALLVILLE — Anyone meeting Brian Simmons for the first time might not remember his name, but would always remember his smile.

As a 13-year-old newspaper boy, I first encountered Simmons' smile when I stopped to collect for what was then a 70-cent, two-week payment for home delivery of The News-Sun. He ran up to the door dressed only in a diaper and his smile. I never could get him to talk, but he would always smile.

The smile was softened by death July 17. Mr. Simmons was 46 and had fought a short, but valiant, battle with lymphoma.

"He was always happy and cheerful," said his mother, Phyllis. Members of the Simmons' church family at Faith United Methodist Church say the cheerfulness and the smile were passed on by Phyllis to her son.

An East Noble High School classmate said Brian Simmons' smile and cheerfulness did him well in school, where he was student manager of the basketball team.

"He was well-liked by everybody," the classmate recalled. Mr. Simmons loved sports, but was not an athlete. His favorites were the Indiana Pacers and the Colts, and also the Chicago Cubs and NASCAR racing.

Mr. Simmons started working at Uniform Printing, now Shamrock Co., right out of high school in 1976. As a material handler, he was in a position to always offer help to other workers, noted his boss, Jeff Brennan.

"He was a hard-working guy, that is for sure," Brennan said. "He never questioned why and was right there when he was needed."

Brennan said Mr. Simmons will be missed by his friends and co-workers. "He was much too young to go through what he dealt with," he said.

Friends and family members said Mr. Simmons was devoted to and proud of his daughter, Shalea. "He talked about her all the time," Brennan said, and she was a subject that always made his smile bigger.

"Brian also loved to spend time with his brothers," his mother noted. They are Jeffrey and Patrick of Butler and Phillip of Kendallville.

Mrs. Simmons said her son's cancer began in his leg, and was discovered when she took him to the hospital emergency room in May with extreme leg pain. He was sent to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, and two days later was flown to Indiana University Medical Center at Indianapolis.

The mass of cancer in his leg spread quickly to other parts of his body, Mrs. Simmons said. In his weakened condition he could not tolerate the chemotherapy.

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Brian Simmons and his daughter Shalea, 11, were "dates" for a father-daughter Scout dance.

"He was there until he was sent to Life Care Center in Fort Wayne, where he died," she said.

"I think he was in a lot of pain, but he never complained," Mrs. Simmons said. He was far more concerned about his daughter, often telling his mother to hurry home so Shalea wouldn't be alone.

Shalea is now living with her mother, Mrs. Simmons said.

"She is confused about what has happened, but she is doing well," she said.

"She has her father's smile," she pointed out.

Patrick Kelty

ROME CITY — Patrick O. Kelty, 73, of Rome City died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Kelty

Mr. Kelty was retired from Keystone Concrete in Churubusco and had served several years on the board of the Sylvan Lake Improvement Association.

He was a member of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Albion and St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City.

Mr. Kelty was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City, VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and a lifetime member of the Kendallville Elks Lodge.

He was born March 1, 1931, in Fort Wayne to Robert and Blanche (Pion) Kelty. On April 27, 1957, in St. Jude Catholic Church in Fort Wayne, he married Nancy L. Murphy. She survives.

Also surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Carol Kelty of Leesburg, Fla.; a sister and brother-in-law, Ralph and Linda Hollar of Fort Wayne; eight nieces and nephews, Martin Kelty of Indianapolis, Michael Kelty of Fortville, Tim Kelty of Yorktown, Matthew Kelty of Fort Wayne, Laura Auriemma of Avon, Maria Candelaria of Tucson, Ariz., Dan Hollar of Fort Wayne and Eric Hollar of Gilbert, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by a brother, David Kelty.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church with Father Dale Bauman and Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with an Elks service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to the Rome City Youth Football Association.

Pedestrian killed by train in Warsaw

WARSAW — A pedestrian died in Warsaw Sunday evening after being struck by a train. Paperwork located on the body identified the man as Freddy G. Shell Sr., 52, of Warsaw.

At approximately 8:53 p.m., the Warsaw Police Department was notified of a pedestrian/train crash on the north-south Norfolk Southern railroad tracks. Investigating emergency responders located the body of a white male under the train in the area behind the Pizza Hut restaurant on North S.R. 15.

Due to the extent of the injuries observed, Shell was pronounced dead at the scene.

Toxicology test results on Shell are not yet available, according to the Warsaw Police Department.

Statements from train personnel indicated that Shell may have been laying on the east rail of the tracks prior to his being struck by the train, according to the Warsaw Police Department. The investigation continues.

Morris Smith

ANGOLA — Morris "Pete" Smith, 95, of Angola died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital, Angola.

He was born July 2, 1909, in Newport News, Va., to Max and Goldie Gross Smith. He married Wilma Boberg on Dec. 29, 1960. She survives.

Mr. Smith owned Pete Smith Market in Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Angola Masonic Lodge No. 236; Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne; Mizpah Shrine Temple, Fort Wayne; and Angola Moose Lodge.

Surviving along with his wife are a stepdaughter, Judy David of Angola; six stepgrandsons; a stepgranddaughter; several stepgreatgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a stepson, Robert David, in 2003; a stepdaughter, Carla Hudecki, in 1980; a brother; and two sisters.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home, with a 7:30 p.m. Masonic service by the Angola Masonic Lodge.

Memorials may be made to the Shrine Children's Hospital.

Vera Butler

CORUNNA — Vera B. (Zimmerman) Butler, 91, of Corunna died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004 at Hickory Creek Nursing Home in Kendallville.

She was a home nurse and worked at Essex Wire. She was a member of the Helmer United Methodist Church and The United Methodist Women.

She was born in LaGrange to Albert and Bessie (Lewellen) Feller, and was raised by Burton and Lonnie Schermenhorn.

In 1939, she married George J. Zimmerman, and he died in 1953.

She then married Merle Butler in 1972. He died in 1988.

Surviving are a sister, Marie Dunn of Chicago; a son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Jacqueline Zimmerman of Corunna; three grandchildren, Julie Zimmerman of Chatham, Ontario, Canada, and Michelle and Jay Baumgartner of Corunna; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas Daniel and Sarah Jacqueline Baumgartner of Corunna.

A grandson, Thomas Daniel Zimmerman, a sister, Mildred Collier, and two brothers, Vern and Clifford Feller, preceded her in death.

Services will be Thursday at 10 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Steve Brittenham officiating. Calling will be Wednesday from 4-7 p.m.

Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Memorials are to the Helmer United Methodist Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.neet.

Robert Briner

ANGOLA — Robert D. Briner, 76, of Angola and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, in his home.

He worked in the advertising department for Fort Wayne Newspapers for 30 years, retiring in 1990. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, and a member of VFW Post No. 857 in Fort Wayne. He was also a member of the Fort Wayne Sertoma Club and served on the board of directors of Soap Box Derby in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 3, 1928, in Montpelier, Ohio, to Lester and Dora (Walz) Briner. He married Jean Pinkley, and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Julie Giordano of Fort Wayne and Laurie Sharps of Angola; and five grandchildren, Nabeal, Serena, Dakotah and Scarlett Sharps of Angola and Rachel Giordano of Fort Wayne.

Services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola, with the Rev. Brian Carsten and Earles Schmucker officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 2-4 p.m. and one hour prior to services Sunday.

VFW Post 857 of Fort Wayne will conduct a military service. Memorials are to Cameron Hospice.

Robert Eastman Jr.

LAGRANGE — Robert L. Eastman Jr., 50, of LaGrange died Sunday, Aug. 1, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital.

Mr. Eastman spent most of his life in Fort Wayne.

He was an automobile mechanic.

He was born July 15, 1954, in Springfield, Ohio. His mother, Mary Lou Eastman, died in 2001, and his father, Dr. Robert L. Eastman Sr., died in 1985.

Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Eastman of LaGrange; a daughter, Lyndi Barrick of LaGrange; a son, Richard Barrick of Rome City; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, John G. and Cindy Eastman of Fort Wayne and David B. Eastman of Fort Wayne.

There are no services.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or to the family.

Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Word

MONTPELIER, Ohio — Ruby Jean Word, 78, of rural Montpelier died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at 10:48 p.m., shortly after she was admitted to the Medical College of Ohio at Toledo.

Mrs. Word was a homemaker and had been a resident of the Montpelier area for the past 21 years.

She was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Garrett to Homer Alty and Erma Jewell (Ray) Myers.

She married Owen Richard "Joe" Word on Dec. 9, 1944, in West Unity, Ohio. He survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Ron Gilbert of Edon, Ohio, Terri and James Jarrett of Auburn, and Kelly and Phil Vreeland of Montgomery, Mich.; one son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Diana Word of Lake Butler, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and one sister, Bettie Buell of Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph Ray Myers.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) in Krill Funeral Home, 204 W. Indiana St., Edon, Ohio, with Al Word officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of Montpelier.

Calling will be Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to Wordfamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Alma Ransom

AUBURN — Alma E. Ransom, 84, formerly of Auburn, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Ransom was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Spencerville.

She was born June 7, 1920, in Allen County to Henry and Bertha (Lehman) Bartell.

She married Daniel S. Ransom on Sept. 11, 1938, in LaGrange. He died Oct. 14, 2000.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Eddie A. and Gailanna Ransom of Avilla, Roger L. Ransom of Kimmell, Dennis K. and Alice Ransom of Auburn and Curtis J. Ransom of Spencerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl A. and Ronald Clark of Auburn; two brothers, Martin Bartell of St. Joe and Jerry Bartell of Bryan, Ohio; three sisters, Freda Springer of Harlan, Anna Barron of Cedar Lake and Mildred Groshon of Angola; 18 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Ester Cook.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial will be in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Calling will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Peter Lutheran Church of Spencerville.

Florence Roberts

EAST QUINCY, Calif. — Florence Pauline "Stevie" Roberts, 84, of East Quincy died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Roberts was born June 25, 1920, in Auburn, Ind., to Bill and Marie Seibert. Her stepfather was Ralph Hinkley. She was raised in Kendallville, Ind., and was a 1938 graduate of Kendallville High School.

Mrs. Roberts moved to southern California in 1944 to help in the war effort working in the aircraft industry. In 1959, she moved from Glendale, Calif., to Quincy.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, in 1985.

Mrs. Roberts was a longtime member of the Plumas Lodge Chapter 246 Order of Eastern Star, serving in various capacities including Worthy Matron. She was an accomplished quilter and enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, working in her garden, growing raspberries and making raspberry jam.

She was an avid sports fan and enjoyed keeping statistics on the Sacramento Kings, San Francisco Giants, San Francisco 49ers, San Jose Sharks and the Indiana Hoosiers.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Sid and Carol Roberts of Quincy; a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Ron Horton of Quincy; three grandchildren, Charlotte Roberts, Nicloe Horton and Jacob Horton; a nephew; several nieces; and a host of relatives in Indiana.

Graveside services were held July 29 in Old Quincy Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.fehrmanmortuary.com.

Memorials may be sent to the donor's choice.

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John Welch

ST. MARYS, Ohio — John Welch, 58, of St. Marys died Saturday, July 31, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Welch had retired from the U.S. Air Force as a master sergeant. He graduated in 1964 from Memorial High School in St. Marys.

He was an avid golfer and enjoyed camping and softball.

Mr. Welch was employed at the Eagles Lodge Aerie No. 767 in St. Marys.

He was born July 30, 1946, in Fonde, Ky., to John and Nannie (Douglas) Welch. His father is deceased and his mother, Nannie Bricker, survives in St. Marys.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert Welch and David Welch, both of Louisville, Texas; a brother, Charles Bricker of New Knoxville, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Harry Taylor of Albion, Ind.; a granddaughter, Tessa Welch; and nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Emma Sue Welch.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Miller-Long & Folk Funeral Home, 314 W. High St., St. Marys, with the Rev. John Nunnally officiating. Burial with full military honors will be in National Cemetery in Dayton.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Mary Bazow

OLEAN, N.Y. — Mary "Ruth" Bazow, of Olean, N.Y., died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2004.

Surviving are three sons, Edward Bazow of Keokuk, Iowa, Thomas Bazow of Fort Wayne and David Bazow of Millersville, Pa.; a daughter, Nicole Bradford of Bradford, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward T. Bazow.

Services will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. (Indiana time) at Guenther Funeral Home, Inc., 1303 E. State St., Olean.

Burial will be in St. Bonaventure Cemetery at Allegany.

Calling will be Thursday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. (Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Riley Applegate

ALBION — Riley Alyssa Lynn Applegate was stillborn Monday, July 19, 2004, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla.

She was the daughter of Christopher M. and Angel M. (Little) Applegate of Florida.

Surviving with her parents are three sisters, Morgan, Isis and Madison Applegate, all of Ocala; grandparents, Jim L. and Wanda Applegate of Ocala and Debra McClellan of Albion; and great-grandparents, Jim A. and Ann Applegate of Albion.

A great-grandmother, Jane Applegate, is deceased.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Sylva Markley

Mrs. Markley

SHIPSHEWANA — Sylva Maxine Markley, 80, of Shipshewana died at 8:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

A lifetime community resident, she was born March 8, 1924, in Shipshewana to Sidney Edward and Rena Wilma (Nelson) Markley.

She was a member of the Marion Mennonite Women's Quilting & Sewing Club.

Surviving are a brother, James Markley of Middlebury; and three sisters, Julia Baldwin of Shipshewana, Betty Harter of LaGrange and Ruth Larson of Hockley, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Sidney Markley Jr., Robert Markley and Dwayne Markley.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Scott United Methodist Church with the Rev. Nancy Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Scott Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to Scott United Methodist Church.

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Elizabeth Clouse

ALBION — Elizabeth C. "Betty" Clouse, 89, of Albion died at 3:05 p.m. Tuesday, July 27, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mrs. Clouse was a lifetime area resident and a homemaker.

She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Clouse was a 1932 graduate of Albion High School.

She was born Feb. 3, 1915, in Noble County to Sherman and Martha (Crume) Williamson.

On April 21, 1935, in Albion, she married Frank E. Clouse. He died Oct. 29, 1985.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Stanley Holdeman of Fort Wayne; three sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Connie Clouse of Syracuse, Thomas and Sharon Clouse of Albion and Wayne and Debra Clouse of Albion; 10 grandchildren, Stanley David Holdeman, Ruth Ellen Jajko, Carla Plavchak, Amy Luebbehusen, Melinda Embgenbroich, Steven Clouse, Michele Urban, Elizabeth Vandegrift, Tricia Weiss and Andrea Bockelman; 16 great-grandchildren; and two foster great-grandchildren.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, Forrest Williamson, and two sisters, Sara Shively and Zelma Jaquay.

Services were held Saturday, July 31, 2004, at Asbury United Methodist Church with the Rev. Austin Fergusson and the Rev. Nancy Fergusson officiating. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Hospice, Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion or Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion.

Helen Miller

SUN CITY, AZ — Helen B. Miller, 89, of Sun City, Arizona, died July 11, 2004.

Mrs. Miller was born near Albion on June 17, 1915. She graduated from Purdue University with a bachelor of science degree. She also received a master of arts degree from Notre Dame.

She was born to Charles E.M. and Lucy (Clucas) Dawson and married Fred Miller in Mishawaka in 1959. She was a home economics, English and science teacher until she retired in 1967.

She moved to Sun City in 1968. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, an International Honor Society for teachers; the Retired Teacher's Association, Sew 'N Sew Club, Lakeview Handicrafts Club; the Noble Co. Historical Society; the Genealogical Societies of Sun City and Noble Co, Indiana and the Purdue Alumni Association, also the South Bend Audubon Society and National Audubon Society.

Mrs. Miller is survived only by cousins.

Arrangements were made by Mortensen-Kings Funeral Center. Burial was at the Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Riley Applegate

ALBION — Riley Alyssa Lynn Applegate, was stillborn on July 19, 2004, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Florida.

She is survived by her parents, Christopher M. and Angel M. (Little) Applegate and three sisters, Morgan, Isis and Madison, all of Ocala, FL; grandparents, Jim L. and Wanda Applegate of Ocala, FL, Debra McClellan of Albion; and great-grandparents, Jim A. and Ann Applegate of Albion.

She was preceded in death by great-grandmother, Jane Applegate.

Graveside services will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery on August 7, 2004, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Wade Sturdirent officiating. There will be no visitation.

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Marceil Bickel

PENDLETON — Marceil I. Bickel, age 91, of Pendleton, Indiana, formerly of Ligonier, died Friday, July 30, 2004, in Pendleton.

She was born January 18, 1913, in Noble County to Earnest Huff and Nellie Duesler Huff.

She married Frederick P. Bickel March 2, 1935, in Burket, IN. He died January 2, 1991.

Mrs. Bickel was retired from Superior Sample Company and had attended the Evangelical Church. She belonged to the Happy 8's Canasta Club, enjoyed knitting, crocheting and cooking.

She is survived by one daughter, Sally Owen of Pendleton; one son, Terry Bickel of Indianapolis; a sister-in-law, Grace Bickel of Ligonier; grandchildren, Susan and Jeff Julian of Hagerstown, Linda and Tim Lawyer of Modock, IN, Terri Owen and Jim Jackson of Markelville, IN, Michael and Missy Bickel of Indianapolis, and Todd and Stephanie Bickel of Florida; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband, she was also preceded in death by three brothers, Arlo, Elton, and William Huff; and one sister, Vita.

Services were held Sunday, August 1, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home. There was a graveside service held on August 2, 2004, at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

For those who wish, memorials may be made to the Kidney Foundation of Indiana or American Cancer Society.

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Marcelle Fought

ROME CITY — Marcelle Malle Fought, 89, of Rome City and formerly of Wawaka died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Fought

Mrs. Fought moved to Noble County in 1954 from Waterloo. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Waterloo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had been active in her church both in Waterloo and Brimfield and had been a Sunday school teacher at the Waterloo Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Mrs. Fought enjoyed fishing, cooking, gardening and spending time with her family.

She was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Hamilton to Joe and Emma (Whitbey) Dangler.

In 1938, she married Bill Malle. He preceded her in death.

In 1988, she married Robert Fought. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Pat Malle of Wawaka; a daughter, Mary Malle of Rome City; a stepson and his wife, David and Bonnie Fought of Topeka; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Deanna and Jack Moser of Ligonier and Rosemary and Harold Targgart of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Leora Dangler of Waterloo; a sister, Emogene White of Coldwater, Mich.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Deloss, Joe, Don and Charlie Dangler; and three sisters, Lois Kelly Lynn, Edith Hoot and Bell Good.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Brimfield United Methodist Church with the Rev. Maurine Mauzy and two of Mrs. Fought's nephews, David Hoot and Nick Hoot, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church or Parkview Hospice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct information provided by the funeral home.*

Riley Applegate

ALBION — Riley Alyssa Lynn Applegate was stillborn Monday, July 19, 2004, at Monroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Fla.

She was the daughter of Christopher M. and Angel M. (Little) Applegate of Florida.

Surviving with her parents are three sisters, Morgan, Isis and Madison Applegate, all of Ocala; grandparents, Jim L. and Juanita Applegate of Ocala and Debra McClellan of Albion; and great-grandparents, Jim A. and Ann Applegate of Albion.

A great-grandmother, Jayne Applegate, is deceased.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Wade Sturdivant officiating.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

John R. Meyer

IRONTON, Ohio — John R. Meyer, 57, of Ironton died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at his home.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran.

Surviving are his mother, Miriam Meyer; a daughter, Theresa Owens; two sons, Matthew and Mark, both of Kentucky; a sister, Linda Garfield of Florida; two brothers, Paul of Hamilton and Michael of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and two stepgrandchildren.

Services will be at noon Friday with calling after 10:30 a.m. (Indiana times) at Phillips Funeral Home in Ironton. Burial with military graveside rites will be in Woodland Cemetery.

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James Baer

GARRETT — James M. Baer, 77, of Garrett died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at 11:12 pm. in Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne.

Mr. Baer

A 25-year resident of Garrett, he had been a lifetime resident of Fort Wayne before moving to Garrett in 1979.

He was a machine maintenance worker at Zollner in Fort Wayne for 35 1/2 years, retiring in 1988.

He was a member of West Creighton Christian Church in Fort Wayne, the Mizpah Shrine, the Garrett Masonic Lodge and Garrett American Legion Post 178, and was a lifetime member of American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne.

He was born July 6, 1927, in Fort Wayne to Ernest Baer Sr. and Lucille (Kissinger) Baer.

He and his wife, Carolyn A. Scott, celebrated 57 years of marriage on July 11. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ronald J. Baer of Garrett, Kevin M. Baer of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Jan B. Baer of Auburn; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Crandall of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Ernest Baer Jr. and William D. Baer; and a sister, Maren Ferguson.

Services will be Saturday at 11:30 a.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Pastor Randy McQueen will officiate. A military ceremony will be conducted at the conclusion of the service in the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date in Covington Memorial Gardens at Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family so that they may contribute to their favorite charities.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Martina Fell

WATERLOO — Martina J. Fell, 64, of Waterloo died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Fell was a homemaker. She was born July 7, 1940, in Butler County, Ky., to Roscoe and Myrtle Jane (Lindsey) Renfrow.

She married Louis E. Fell on July 18, 1964, in Zanesville. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons and a daughter-in-law, Michael and Anita Fell of Fort Wayne and Ronald, Kent and Steven Fell, all of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Gloria and Tim Bice of Waterloo; four brothers, Oscar, Clint, Leon and Richard; three sisters, Mary, Laura and Linda; five grandchildren, Misty Garfias, Jesicka Fell, Chelsie Fell, Zachary Bice and Brett Bice; and two great-grandchildren, Trenton and Isabell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Kurt Fell; one grandson, Michael Fell Jr.; one sister, Dorothy; and three brothers, Hardy, Jim and Raymond.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Ralph Diehl will officiate. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Bufford Griffith

LIGONIER — Bufford V. Griffith, 58, of Ligonier died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Griffith did electrical installation for the recreational vehicle industry. He had moved to this area in 1969 from Kentucky.

He had served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and Syracuse VFW Post 1342.

Mr. Griffith enjoyed woodworking, fishing, playing basketball and listening to music. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Nov. 29, 1945, in Floyd County, Ky., to Kendall and Olive I. (Patton) Griffith. On Aug. 29, 1969, in Martin, Ky., he married Phyllis K. Chaffins. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Shane Griffith of Ligonier and Travis and Jessica Griffith of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Felicia and Jacob Stewart of Ligonier; two brothers and a sister-in-law, James Griffith of Cromwell and Kenneth and Lucy Griffith of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Oma and Flem Messer of Ligonier and Wendy Brown of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Cody Griffith, Logan Griffith, Jasmine Ritchie and Cloe Fernandez.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carmaline Griffith.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military rites.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the church.

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Lura Shannon

BUTLER — Lura Vivian Shannon, 88, of Butler died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at 9 p.m. in the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home at Butler.

She had been a laborer at Universal Tool in Butler.

She was born April 8, 1916, in DeKalb County to Frank and Ruth (Swinehart) Gift.

She married Harold E. Shannon on April 24, 1937, in Blakeslee, Ohio. He died Feb. 12, 1988.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Marie Shannon of Butler; a granddaughter and her husband, Brenda and Chris Geiser of Auburn; and four great-grandchildren and one spouse, Allison and Lynn Graber of Grabill and Ashley, Audra and Sean Geiser, all of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Allen Gift and Raymond Gift.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Saneta Maiko will officiate. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at Hamilton.

Calling will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Zion United Methodist Church.

Dorothy Kressley

HUDSON — Dorothy V. Kressley, 92, of Hudson died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Hudson United Brethren Church.

She was born April 3, 1912, in Hudson, to George and Nancy (Lowe) Rowe. On April 22, 1928, she married Henry T. Kressley, and he died Sept. 29, 1986.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, LaMarr and Dolly Kressley of Hudson; two grandchildren, Deborah Boyd of Ashley and Lynn Kressley of Cartersville, Ga.; four great-grandchildren, Jake Dove, Jessica Dove, Scott Kressley and Todd Kressley; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with the Rev. Robert W. Staup officiating. Calling will be Sunday from 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson. Condolences can be e-mailed to johnson@bnin.net.

Alice Bryan

KENDALLVILLE — Alice L. "Enie" Bryan, 81, of Fort Pierce and formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, July 24, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Bryan had moved to Fort Pierce from Kendallville in the 1970s.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville with calling from 9-11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to Treasure Coast, 805 Virginia Ave., S.R. 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34982.

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MAGGIE SHEPARD

Fire and rescue crews from LaGrange and Mongo rest after extracting the driver of this semi following a 6:30 a.m. crash this morning. The semi struck a car, killing the driver, 17-year-old Amber Greene of Orland. The unidentified driver of the semi was flown to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne for treatment of serious injuries.

U.S. 20 crash kills teen

BY MAGGIE SHEPARD
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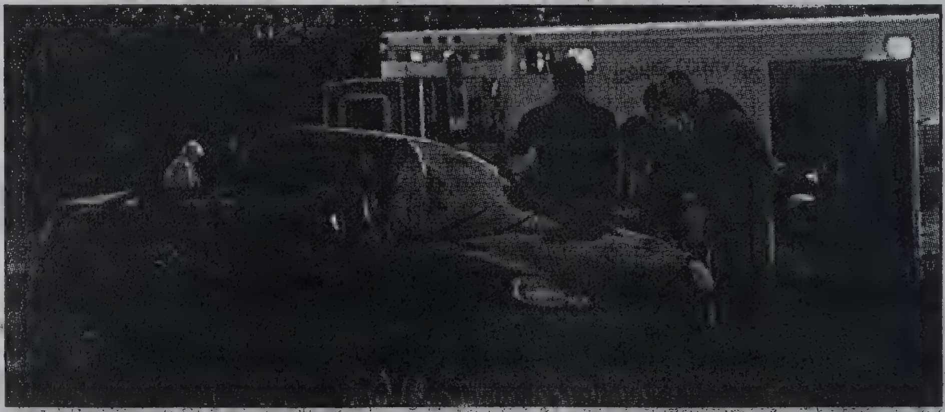
LAGRANGE — An Orland teen was killed in a car-semi crash this morning on U.S. 20 at the intersection of C.R. 500E.

Witnesses said Amber Greene, 17, a senior at Prairie Heights High School, was driving a red passenger car south across U.S. 20 at approximately 6:30 a.m. when it was struck by a U.S. Postal Service truck hauling magazines and catalogues. After the impact, the truck went airborne and hit a large tree, splitting the tree and



MAGGIE SHEPARD

The driver of this car was killed in a crash this morning on U.S. 20.

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CRASH: *U.S. 20 closed for more than three hours*

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spilling the trailer's cargo across U.S. 20.

The mail truck driver, whose identity was not released, was pinned in his truck suffering from serious injuries. Two sets of Jaws of Life were used to extract him from the truck cab, according to LaGrange Emergency Management director Pam Soule. The man was flown from the scene by Samaritan helicopter.

Greene was treated at the scene but was pronounced dead just after 7 a.m.

Limbs from the split tree broke LaGrange REMC power lines leaving some homes without power.

Police said the scene could not be cleared without the help of the U.S. Postal Service because of the presence of the mail.

Traffic was rerouted south of U.S. 20 and the road was still closed at 10 a.m.

Witness Gene Troyer, a 12-year wrecking service veteran, said he was one of the first on the scene and was shocked at the scale of the accident.

"I've cleaned many truck messes up before, but I've never seen anything like this," Troyer said, looking over the pile of mail that spilled through the ripped top of the tipped semi-trailer.

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Crash victim was Lakeland senior

BY MAGGIE SHEPARD
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LAGRANGE — The victim of a fatal car-semi crash on U.S. 20 east of LaGrange Friday morning was a Lakeland High School senior.

Amber L. Greene, 17, of rural Orland, died after her vehicle collided with a semi on U.S. 20 at LaGrange C.R. 500E at about 6:25 a.m., according to the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department. The driver of the semi, Harry L. Aronhalt, 54, of Ada, Ohio, was flown from the crash scene to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. As of late Friday night, his condition was critical, according to a Parkview spokeswoman.

Police initially incorrectly identified Greene as a Prairie Heights High School student. LaGrange County Sheriff Greg Dhaene said pictures in Greene's 2001 Dodge Neon led police to believe she attended Prairie Heights. However, police later determined that she was to be a senior at Lakeland this year.

VICTIM: *Crash caused semi to go airborne in a tree*

Greene was driving a Dodge south on C.R. 500E when, for an unknown reason, she crossed U.S. 20 into the path of the eastbound semi hauling mail. She died at the scene about 40 minutes after the impact, according to police.

The crash caused the semi to go airborne into a tree, pinning Aronhalt in his 2000 Freightliner semi. Two sets of Jaws of Life were used to free Aronhalt.

The semi was registered to Wannemacher Truck Line of Lima, Ohio. Crews from the U.S. Postal Service were still gathering up mail Friday evening.

Police said both vehicles were totaled.

Police are still investigating the accident, and routine toxicology screens are pending on both individuals.

Assisting at the accident scene were LaGrange City Police, LaGrange County Emergency Medical Service medics, Indiana State Police and area fire departments.

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Co-workers, classmates recall Amber's humor

BY CHET BAUMGARTNER
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ORLAND — Teresa Marks can still picture Amber Greene standing near the sandwiches with chocolate smeared on her cheeks.

It was a memory too precious too forget.

The chocolate came from chocolate-covered peanuts a Hardees manager had put too close to the heated burger chute, and despite their condition, Greene didn't let them go to waste.

"Chocolate (was) gushing down her cheeks, and she didn't care," Marks, the store manager at Hardees at Ernie Pyle Plaza said. "She was laughing. We all did."

Employees at Hardees weren't laughing, however, Friday night. Some cried; others worked silently; all tried to come to grips with the news.

Greene

HUMOR: *Amber's friends remember her as always being fun to be around*

Greene, 17, died Friday morning after a two-vehicle crash at U.S. 20 and C.R. 500E.

She was to be a senior at Lakeland High School and had worked at Hardees since Oct. 7, 2002. She was enrolled in the cosmetology program at the Four County Area Vocational Cooperative.

"It's so sad," Marks said, as she started to cry. "My sister works with her mom, and my sister called this morning, and I called out here, and it's hard to work, and she was supposed to work tonight.

"When I walked in, it was just quiet. It was so quiet."

Several of Greene's classmates worked with her at Hardees. Each has unique memories, but they all knew that being with Amber meant fun.

"If you were mad, she'd come and hug you and tell you everything's all right," said Bobi White, a senior at Lakeland. "She had a good time, no matter what.

"I feel that she's not really gone, like I'm expecting to see her somewhere," White said as she started to cry. "I just can't believe it."

Greene was scheduled to work Friday, but Danielle Collins, a junior, came in instead. Collins said Greene had an effect on a lot of people; they just loved being around her, she said, because she knew the "right thing to make you smile."

Ask co-workers Nick Skaggs, also Greene's cousin, Jason Long and Eric Music what they remember about Greene, and they'll tell you about her humor. They'll tell you about her jokes. They'll tell you about her attitude.

"She was one of the coolest people you'll ever meet."

Services for Miss Greene will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at LaGrange Church of God. A full obituary appears today on Page A4.

Amber Greene

Miss Greene

ORLAND — Amber L. Greene, 17, of rural Orland died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at 7:15 a.m. as a result of an auto accident at U.S. 20 and C.R. 500E in LaGrange County.

Miss Greene worked at the Indiana Toll Road Plaza's Hardees Restaurant and was a senior at Lakeland High School. She was a member of LaGrange Church of God and was enrolled in the cosmetology program at the Four County Area Vocational Cooperative.

She was born Sept. 24, 1986, in Sturgis, Mich.

She is survived by her parents, mother Lisa M. (Greene) Jordan and stepfather Rick E. Jordan of Orland; three grandparents, Loraine Greene of LaGrange and Virgil and Mary Jordan of Wolcottville; a sister, Keshia Greene of Orland; a brother, Brandon Tarlton of Orland; two stepsisters, Angelina Jordan of LaGrange and Felicia Jordan of Wolcottville; and a stepbrother, Christopher Jordan of Orland.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at LaGrange Church of God. The Rev. Chris Denney will officiate. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at LaGrange Church of God.

Arrangements are by Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials to LaGrange Church of God Youth Group.

Fred Gitzendanner

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Fred A. Gitzendanner, 91, of Lawrence, Kan., died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Brandon Woods Retirement Community in Lawrence.

Mr. Gitzendanner was the manager of computing for Standard Oil/Amoco for 23 years and managed the company's entrance into and the use of computers. He worked for the company for 30 years before retiring.

He was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Society for the Advancement of Management, the American Petroleum Institute, the American Standards Institute, the American Society for Engineering Education, the Sun City, Ariz., and Lawrence Kiwanis clubs, the Reserve Officers Association, the Retired Officers Association, the American Legion, the Lawrence Country Club, the Plymouth Congregational Church and the Stevens Alumni Association.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He achieved the rank of lieutenant colonel and also received the Army Commendation Ribbon.

Mr. Gitzendanner earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago and his engineering degree from the Stevens Institute of Technology.

He was born March 4, 1913, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Fred Eugene and Margaret (Ruffel) Gitzendanner.

He married Dorothy Carlson in 1936, and she died in 1982.

He then married Gladys E. O'Neal Cooley on Oct. 2, 1983, in Prairie Village, Kan. They moved to Lawrence from Sun City, Ariz., in 1990, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenneth F. Gitzendanner of Angola and Richard Gitzendanner of Tulsa, Okla.; a stepson, Gerald L. Cooley of Lawrence; a daughter, Linda E. Hines of Ballwin, Mo.; a sister, Helen Vanderwaart of Punta Gorda, Fla.; seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday in Plymouth Congregational Church, Lawrence. Entombment will be in Johnson County Memorial Gardens in Overland Park, Kan.

Calling will be Sunday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Warren-McElwain Mortuary, Lawrence.

Memorials are to Hospice Care of Douglas County or the ALS Association and may be sent in care of the mortuary.

Condolences may be sent to info@warrenmcelwain.com.

L. Evelyn Black

ALBION — L. Evelyn Black, 96, of Park Central in Fremont, Calif., died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004.

She was born Dec. 24, 1907.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Ada Miller

LIGONIER — Ada M. Miller, 59, of rural Ligonier died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at 4:55 a.m. at her home.

She was a homemaker and bookkeeper for Noble County Furniture, the family business. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Nov. 11, 1944, in LaGrange County to Melvin J. and Susie C. (Miller) Raber. Her father survives, but her mother preceded her in death in 1993.

She married Perry D. Miller on Nov. 5, 1964, in LaGrange County, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son, Daniel Ray Miller of Ligonier; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mahlon and Freda Raber of Shipshewana and Levi and Irene Raber of Wolcottville; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Anna and Glen Lambright of Topeka, Lydiann and Joe Stutzman of LaGrange and Amanda and Milo Helmuth of Topeka; and a dear friend, Joanna Nisley of LaGrange.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Willis R. Miller, 4654 W. C.R. 1100N, Ligonier. Bishop Mervin M. Miller and home ministries will officiate.

Burial will be at Clear Spring Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Willis R. Miller, Glenn Troyer, Willis E. Miller and Joe Bontrager.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home.

Services Held

ROME CITY — Services for **Patrick O. Kelty** were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City with Father Dale Bauman and Father Babasino Fernandes officiating. Burial was in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers were Matt Kelty, Tim Kelty, Mike Kelty, Martin Kelty, Lynn Spidel and Bob Hostetter. Honorary pallbearers were Tom Kindler, Jim Fagan, Joe Costello, Dave Harvey, Nancy Fellinger, Jeanne McCormack, Phil Ehrman and John Megley. Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

TIFFIN, Ohio — Graveside services for **Verna Mae Souder** were held at noon at Monday at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Tiffin, Ohio. Father Tim Ferris officiated. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Lucille M. Herczeg** were held July 30 at 5 p.m. at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with Father Jacob Gall officiating. Burial was Saturday at Elm Ridge Cemetery in Muncie.

WOLCOTTVILLE — Services for **Cindy Gibson** were held July 28 at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Wolcottville with Pastors Earl Rose Jr. and Larry Anglemeyer officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Marvin Gibson, Steve Gibson, Chris Sparkman, Greg Mosley, Roman Arnold and Winfred Stacy. Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville was in charge of arrangements.

WOODRUFF — Graveside services for **Ernest Ritchie** were held July 23 at Woodruff Cemetery with the Rev. Lee Combs officiating. Pallbearers were Tim D'Hease, Pat Noe, Steve Snurr, Dallas Ray, Scott Stewart and Vernon Ritchie. Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Earl Fulk** were held July 24 at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Mark Metz officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Harold Hartman, Larry Dove, Arnold Berryhill, William Hodgen, Greg Beckner and Larry Poppy.

Philip Straw

ELKHART — A Pleasant Lake native, Philip L. Straw, 68, of Elkhart, died Thursday, April 15, 2004, at 10:03 a.m. at Elkhart General Hospital.

Mr. Straw worked at Western Electric for 20 years and was most recently employed by Carriage House Apartments in Elkhart.

He was born July 9, 1935, in Pleasant Lake to Coral E. and Arla (Coe) Straw.

He is survived by a sister, Helen Brady of Ligonier; five nieces and three nephews.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Aug. 15, at 1 p.m. at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Millersburg.

Mishler-Eastlund Funeral Home, Harris Chapel in Syracuse, is handling arrangements.

Naomi Armstrong

MELBOURNE, Fla. — Naomi R. Armstrong, 81, of Melbourne, Fla., died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Carnegie Gardens Nursing Home in Melbourne.

Born in Clarksburg, W.Va., she was retired from her career as a nurse at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving are a son, James of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Karen E. and James Chandler of Woodburn; a sister, Mary Ann Poe of Marion; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ervin; two brothers, Ralph and Byron Friend; and a sister, Maxine Voors.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Clara Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — Clara H. Yoder, 75, of rural Shipshewana died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at 2:02 p.m. at Goshen General Hospital.

Mrs. Yoder was a homemaker and member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born April 18, 1929, in Nappanee to Henry H. and Lydiann J. (Hochstetler) Helmuth.

She married Monroe W. Yoder in Nappanee on Jan. 4, 1951, and he survives.

Also surviving are four daughters and sons-in-law, Leanna and Richard Schlabach of Middlebury, Treva and Mahlon Schlabach of Shipshewana, Katie and Ivan Hochstetler of Shipshewana and Rosemary and Marlin Schmucker of Middlebury; a daughter-in-law, Ruby Yoder of Shipshewana; a son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Treva Yoder of Middlebury; a sister, Katie Yoder of Middlebury; seven brothers and sisters-in-law, LeRoy and Inez Helmuth of Goshen, Oscar and Barbara Helmuth of Shipshewana, John and Cora Helmuth of Nappanee, Elmer and Laura Mae Helmuth of Nappanee, James and Ann Helmuth of Topeka, Mahlon and Mary Helmuth of Piedmont, S.C., and Lester and Esther Helmuth of Nappanee; 27 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by a son, Mervin Yoder; one great-grandchild; one sister, Martha Helmuth; and two brothers, Andrew and Victor Helmuth.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Monday at the residence of Ruby Yoder in Shipshewana. Bishop Orla D. Miller and home ministers will officiate. Burial will be at Bontrager Cemetery in Middlebury.

Calling will be after noon today and all day Sunday at the home of Ruby Yoder.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

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Everyone loved Vera Daniels' spirit

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — Vera Daniels loved to play her organ, and dance with her late husband, Glenn.

A patron of the Heimach Senior Center, she often would stop by just to play and she soon would attract a crowd of appreciative listeners, according to center director Meg Zenk.

"She also played for some of our functions," Zenk said. "Everyone loved her spirit. She was a real neat person."

Mrs. Daniels, 93, died July 25 after several years of declining health.

"She was active up into her 90s," noted her daughter, Judith Collins of Auburn.

Collins said her mother and dad also loved to dance at the Auburn Moose. Mr. Daniels died in 1982, and the dancing stopped.

Mrs. Daniels was retired as a telephone operator for Indiana Bell, where she worked for more than 30 years. Mrs. Collins had followed in her mother's footsteps, becoming a telephone operator after graduating from high school, but quitting when she started to raise a family.

After Mrs. Daniels' retirement, she and her daughter took jobs in telemarketing for Kendallville Publishing Co.

"We would work three months at The Evening Star, and then three months in Kendallville," at The News-Sun, Collins recalled.

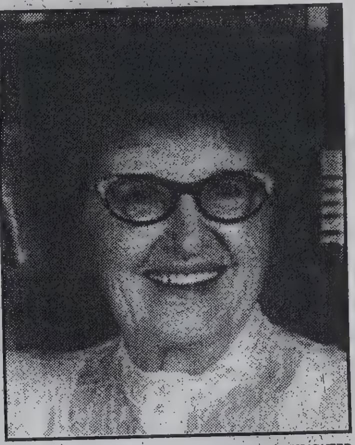
Her sister, Dorothy Carper of Waterloo, said Vera also liked to crochet. "She made a lot of afghans," she said.

Granddaughter Hope Rowlison of Kendallville said her grandmother had a goal of crocheting afghans for all nine grandchildren, but she didn't quite make it. Mrs. Daniels taught Rowlison to crochet, however, and also how to make "her famous pie crust," Rowlison said.

"She loved to bake pies, and was famous for mince meat pie, which she made using beef," Rowlison noted. She was also known to make great rhubarb pie, regular and creamed, she said.

Rowlison said she inherited many of her grandmother's old family photographs, which she appreciates and is archiving. One photograph of Mrs. Daniels' father, Roscoe Yarlot, taken at the Noble County fairgrounds in Kendallville in 1905, was recently published by The News-Sun.

"My mother and grandmother both worked for the newspaper," Rowlison reiterated with some pride. "I think grandma worked there five or six years."



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Mrs. Daniels

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Cleta Grandstaff

AUBURN — Cleta L. Grandstaff, 86, of Auburn, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004.

She had owned and operated Auburn Tankage from 1949 to 1969 and Statler Wayne Inc. for 18 years, from 1969 to 1987. She retired in 1987.

Mrs. Grandstaff was a 1936 graduate of Auburn High School, and she had attended Wayne Beauty School for two years.

She was a member of Sigma Beta Sorority, and was the first woman elected to the Anthony Wayne Boy Scout Council, where she served for 20 years. She still served on the council's board of directors.

She was the first woman elected to the National Renderers Board, serving as a trustee; a member of Altrusa Club in Fort Wayne and the Auburn Literary Club; a member of the board of directors of DeKalb County Community Concerts; served on the board of directors of Woodlawn Cemetery; was a charter member and served on the board of directors of DeKalb County Habitat for Humanity; was a 52-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star; was a 52-year member of the Charm and Chatter Home Demonstration Club; and was an associate member of Gloria Day Lutheran Church in Anna Maria, Fla.

Grandstaff

She had been a member of the St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn for 56 years, and was a member of the Hope Circle and the Altar Guild.

She was born March 4, 1918, in Hamilton, to Birt and Audra (Allomong) McDaniel.

On June 20, 1948, she married Oren E. Grandstaff at St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He died April 16, 1971.

Surviving are a son, Kevin Grandstaff of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Kyleen Grandstaff of Anna Maria, Fla., and Kriss Ann and Jim David of Lexington, S.C.; an exchange student daughter and her husband, Pirjo and Erik Bennedich of Sweden; one granddaughter, Amanda Andreas; one great-granddaughter, Hailey Renee Andreas; and two brothers, Emery McDaniel and Howard McDaniel, both of Auburn.

Preceding her in death were a brother, DeWight McDaniel; and a sister, Isabelle Crosley.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Steve Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Boy Scouts of America, Youth For Christ or the DeKalb County Humane Society.

Lisa Fennig

ANGOLA — Lisa M. Fennig, 37, of Angola, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at 5:25 p.m. at her home.

She was a nurse and worked at Lutheran Rehabiliation Center in Fort Wayne. She was born April 16, 1967, in Auburn

On April 21, 1990, in Calvary Lutheran Church of Angola, she married Dale W. Fennig. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Amber M. and Lindsey M., both at home; her parents Charles W. Sanders Jr. of Convoy, Ohio, and Sally M. (Bertsch) Sanders of Angola; one brother, Jamie A. Bertsch of Hudson; an uncle, Robert L. Bertsch of Seattle; an aunt, Sherry Bell of Auburn; and her father-in-law and stepmother-in-law, William and Rose Fennig of Portland, Ind.

Preceding her in death were her grandparents, Albert and Thelma Bertsch, and mother-in-law, Georgianna Fennig.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. The Rev. Robert Sims of New Life Family Center of Kenewick, Wash., will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery at a later date.

Calling is Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to New Life Family Center or Cameron Home Healthcare & Hospice.

Phyllis Bowling

MARK CENTER, Ohio — Phyllis Jean Bowling, 60, of Mark Center, Ohio, died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Toledo Hospital.

She was employed at Dana Weatherhead in Antwerp, Ohio. A 1962 graduate of Logansport High School in Indiana, she was a member of the United Methodist Church and the Eagles.

She was born April 7, 1944, in Logansport to Cecil and Alice Mae (Seedam) Enyeart. They preceded her in death.

She married Robert Bowling in 1964. He also preceded her in death.

Surviving are one son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Amy Bowling of St. Joe; two daughters and two sons-in-law, Miranda and Doug Seeman of Deshler, Ohio, and Bobbie and Robert Miller of Delta, Ohio; six grandchildren; one brother, Edwin Enyeart of Logansport; and two sisters, Janice Coe and Estelle Enyeart, both of Logansport.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio. Pastor Tom Graves of Trinity United Methodist Church will officiate. Burial will be at Lost Creek Cemetery in Hicksville.

Calling is today from 4 to 8 p.m. and Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. (all Indiana times) at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

John Pekarek

ANGOLA — John M. Pekarek, 44, of Angola, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in Angola.

He was a supervisor at Angola Wire Products and a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

He was born Sept. 7, 1959, in Harvey, Ill., to Robert W. and Georgeann (Wies) Pekarek. His father preceded him in death on Nov. 11, 1993. His mother survives in Homewood, Ill.

Also surviving are his wife, Jill G. (Bonick) Pekarek; two sons, Adam M. Pekarek and David R. Pekarek, both of Angola; a brother, Robert Pekarek of Minetto, N.Y.; and three sisters, Susan Bauer of Peotone, Ill., Carol Finger of Homewood, Ill., and Sandra Thomas of Homewood.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, 207 N. West St., Angola, with Pastor Amy Beitelschees-Albers officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery of Angola.

Calling is Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Eugenia Gooding

ANGOLA — Eugenia Marie Gooding, 88, of Angola, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, in Fort Wayne.

She was a welder for 28 years at General Electric, retiring in 1975. She was a member of the company's Elex and Century clubs.

She was born July 2, 1916, in Palestine, Texas, to Orvall H. and Effie A. (Soughter) Cohee.

On March 21, 1936, she married Jess W. Gooding. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Patricia A. Harter of Fort Wayne and Sally Kinsey of New Haven; a sister, Joan Parkeson of Olympia, Wash.; five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, four brothers and one sister.

There will be no service or calling. Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home of Angola.

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Benjamin Konger

ALBION — Benjamin Paul Konger, 20, of Albion died at 5:32 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne as the result of a single-vehicle accident.

Mr. Konger

He was a 2002 graduate of Churubusco High School and had attended Ball State University for one year.

He was a 10-year member of the Noble County Horse and Pony 4-H Club and had coached wrestling at Churubusco Junior High School.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege.

A lifelong area resident, he was born March 28, 1984, in Fort Wayne to Mike and Beth (Conrow) Konger. They survive in Albion.

Also surviving are a brother, Lucas M. Konger, and a sister, Jessica A. Konger, both at home; grandparents, Paul and Verdonna Konger of Albion, Alice Conrow of Churubusco, and Dick and Sara Conrow of Churubusco; great-grandparents, Jim and Irene Guiff of Churubusco; many aunts and uncles; and a special friend, Jenny Williams of Leo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege. Burial will be in Ege Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with a rosary at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Churubusco High School Wrestling Club or the Noble County Horse and Pony 4-H Club.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.com.

Noble County man dies in crash

CHURUBUSCO — About three hours after crashing his truck into a tree in Allen County, Benjamin Paul Konger of Albion died Saturday morning in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Konger, 20, was eastbound on North County Line Road West near Churubusco at 2:25 a.m. Saturday when the crash occurred, according to the Allen County Sheriff's Department.

About 500 feet west of C.R. 800E, Konger's 1994 Ford Ranger drifted off the south side of the road for an unknown reason and continued to move eastbound, parallel to the road. As the vehicle approached a driveway at 9701 N. County Line Road West, it swerved back onto the road heading north and then swerved again off the south side of the road.

The truck then struck a hill, overturned and slammed into a tree. Konger, who was allegedly not wearing a seat belt, was ejected from the vehicle.

According to the Allen County Sheriff's Department, Konger was transported by ambulance to the hospital and was suffering from internal injuries, with the most severe damage done to his chest area.

Konger died in Lutheran Hospital at 5:32 a.m.

John Seely

Mr. Seely

KENDALLVILLE — John A. Seely, 60, of Kendallville died at 1:59 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A lifetime Noble County resident, he had retired after 31 years in machine set up at Silgan Plastics.

Mr. Seely was a member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his dogs and watching "The Lone Ranger." He also enjoyed helping his friends farm.

He was born Sept. 7, 1943, in Kendallville to Elsworth and Irma (Rensch) Seely. On Sept. 5, 1989, in Albion he married Carolyn Yoquelet. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Jill Seely of Fort Wayne, Jerry and Stephanie Hare of Van Wert, Ohio, and Dave and Jennifer Hare of Ligonier; a daughter and her companion, Sharon Yates and Greg Seutter of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Christopher Seely, McKenzy Yates, Alex Seely, Eric Seely, Shawn Hare, Zack Hare, Jake Hare and Ryan Hare.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Independent Full Gospel Church.

Dorothy Dahm

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy R. Dahm, 81, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Heritage Park Nursing Home.

Mrs. Dahm was a homemaker and a member of St. Jude Catholic Church.

She was born April 5, 1923, in Dixon, Ohio.

Surviving are her husband, Marcellus F. Dahm; six daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Robert Binns, Janet and Tim Didier, Sandy and Jon Coffee, all of Fort Wayne, Patricia and Dean Willson of Leo, Nancy and Michael Barrett of Grabill and Carol and Keith Miller of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Tom and Kelly Dahm of Fort Wayne; a niece, Sherry Chard of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Services at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Jude Catholic Church. Burial in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. today at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home with a vigil at 8 p.m. and on hour prior to services Tuesday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Jude Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund or the Christ Child Society.

L. Evelyn Black

ALBION — L. Evelyn "Aunt Von" Black, 96, formerly of Albion died Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Park Central in Fremont, Calif.

Mrs. Black had moved to Albion at age 10 and had lived in California the past seven years.

She had worked in private nursing and had worked at hospitals in Wolf Lake and Kendallville.

She was born Dec. 24, 1907, in Nappanee to Fred and Blanche (French) Frymier. On June 7, 1929, in Frankfort she married Glen C. "Chick" Black. He died Jan. 10, 1989.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Sally and Leo Pfefferkorn of Albion and Michele "Shelly" and George Collins of Fremont, Calif.; a son and daughter-in-law, John Seth and Judy Black of Douglasville, Ga.; three grandchildren, Jona Slone, Todd Black and Amy Katz; and seven great-grandchildren, Randy Black, Katy Black, Amber Black, Seth Black, Riley Black, Tara Slone and Tricia Slone.

Also preceding her in death were two sisters and four brothers, Ardella Metz, Dode Frymier, Gerald Frymier, Morris John "Chink" Frymier, Edgar Frymier and Fredrick "Ted" Frymier.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Calling will be from 3-6 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one half hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday.

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Brynn Bergin

MISHAWAKA — Brynn Bergin, 20, of Mishawaka died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in a traffic accident.

Miss Bergin graduated in 2003 from Mishawaka High School where she was a cheerleader, member of the National Honor Society, homecoming queen her senior year and ran on the cross country team. She attended Indiana University where she planned to study medicine.

She loved animals, especially her cat, Scully, and enjoyed spending time at the beach, shopping, dancing, talking on the phone and eating ice cream.

She was born Aug. 3, 1984, in Mishawaka to Michael and Cari Bergin. They survive.

Also surviving are three brothers, Tyler Bergin of Mishawaka, and Kyle and Christian, both at home; her maternal grandmother and her husband, Robert and Nancy Flint Shambaugh of Rome City; her maternal grandfather and his wife, Carl and Becky Flint of Albion; her paternal grandfather, Paul Bergin of Crystal River, Fla.; and her paternal grandmother, M. Patricia Bergin of Ocala, Fla.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th St., Mishawaka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society or the Women's Care Center.

Carol Fenker

FORT WAYNE — Carol Fenker, 71, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She retired from Harvester and as secretary at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

She was a member of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital. She loved gardening and dining out with friends.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and George Bero of Fort Wayne; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Robert J. Fenker, Richard and Sharon Fenker and James and Diana Fenker, all of Fort Wayne, and Richard and Sharon Fenker of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville.

Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. Tuesday at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. with a vigil at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home.

Chelsea Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Chelsea Uhl Frehse, 94, of Kendallville died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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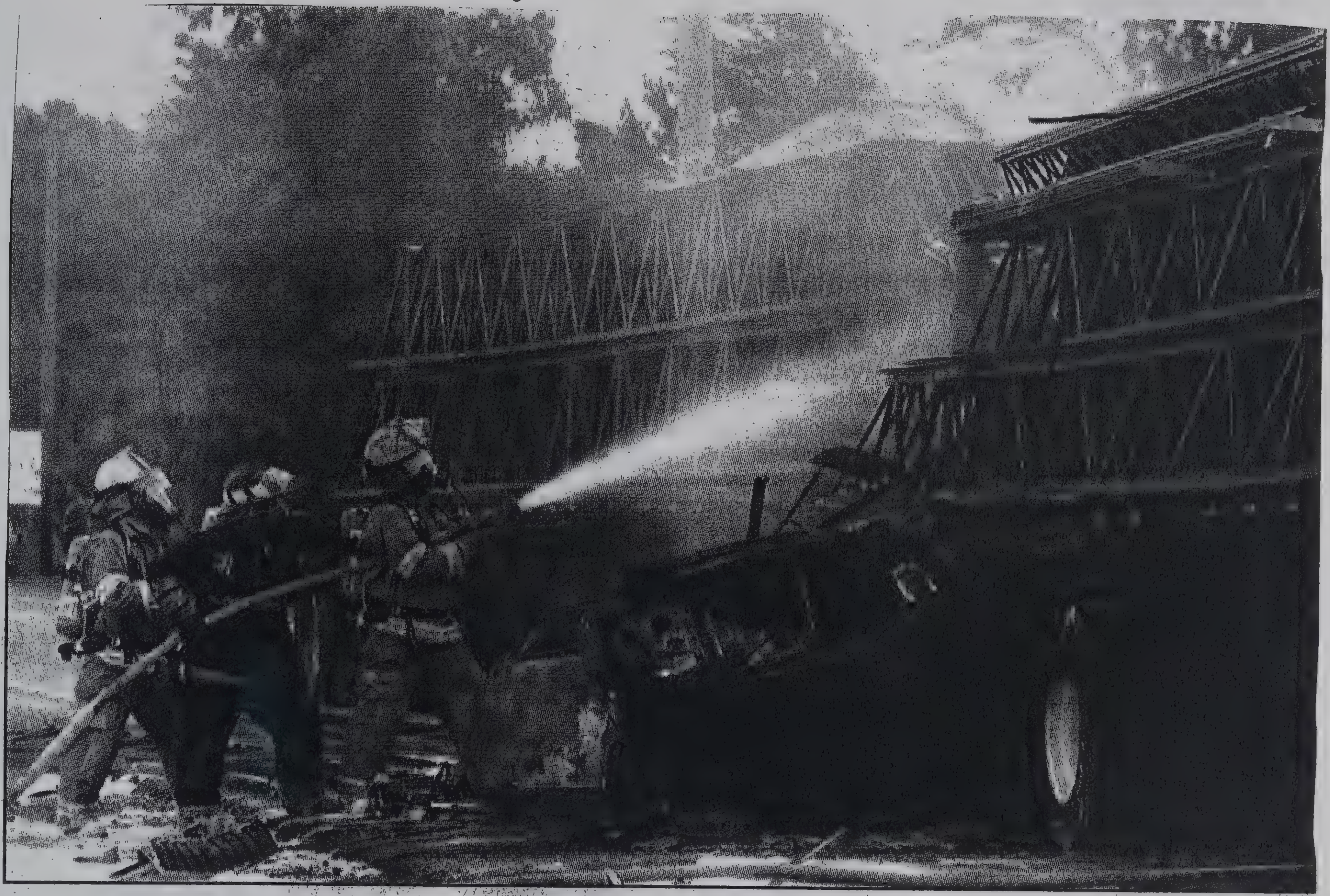

AP

New Paris firefighters work to contain a smoldering wreckage Monday on U.S. 6 near New Paris, where two people were killed in an eight-vehicle collision that crushed one car and sent steel beams from a tractor-trailer crashing forward into other vehicles.

Crash on U.S. 6 kills 2

NEW PARIS, Ind. (AP) — A semitrailer carrying steel beams slammed into a line of stopped traffic, sending beams hurtling onto other vehicles and killing the drivers of a car and the truck, police said.

Several vehicles were waiting Monday afternoon for a traffic light to change at the intersection of U.S. 6 and S.R. 15 when the semi could not stop and rear-ended a car, said Capt. Albert Kemper of Elkhart County Sheriff's Department.

The car was crushed between that semi and another in front, killing the car's driver, 41-year-old Brent Bowyer of Fort Wayne, police said.

The cab of the rear semi was smashed by the steel from the front trailer and its own shifting beams, killing the driver, police said.

A sheriff's dispatcher said today that the trucker's identity was still listed as unknown.

The driver of the front semitrailer was taken to a hospital for treatment, police said.

Both semis were from Jack's Specialized Services in Country Club Hills, Ill., a Chicago suburb, The Truth of Elkhart reported today.

Terry Fogel and Sandy Julian, of Fort Wayne, were traveling a few cars ahead of the semis when the crash happened about 35 miles southeast of South Bend.

Their car was smashed between two other vehicles, they said, and they ducked to avoid the steel beams coming at them. The beams flattened the car's roof.

"We started hearing crashes behind us, and they (the vehicles) just kept coming," Fogel told The Truth. "That set off our air bags.

"Somebody had to pull open her door for her to get out," Fogel said of Julian. "I climbed out my window."

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Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Hahn Funeral Home, 505 W. 8th St., Mishawaka.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Humane Society or the Women's Care Center.

Byron Fromm

FORT WAYNE — Byron E. Fromm, 57, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Fromm was a salesman at Hayden Honda.

He served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Fromm was a member of the Roanoke Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine and the Gold Wing Touring Association.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly of Fort Wayne; a son, Darryl R. Fromm of Kimmell; a daughter, Lucinda E. Fromm of Kimmell; his mother, Bertha Fromm of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Marjorie L. Kuhn of Fort Wayne and Anna C. Outten of Valrico, Fla.; two brothers, Richard M. Fromm Jr. of Fort Wayne and Gene A. Fromm of Shoals; two sisters, Beverly J. Craig and Rowena K. Scheibenberger, both of Fort Wayne; and a stepgranddaughter, Cara Teders.

Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

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Calling will be from 2-9 p.m. today at the funeral home, with a Masonic service at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital.

Chelsea Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Chelsea (Uhl) Frehse, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Frehse

Mrs. Frehse was the bookkeep-er and secretary for Uhl Oil Co. from 1932-1985.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Frehse was born June 16, 1910, in Albion to Charles and Carrie (Weimer) Schmuck. She married Harold Uhl on April 28, 1927, in Noble County. He died on Nov. 21, 1971. In July 1990, she married Lowell Frehse. He died Aug. 24, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harold and Jean Uhl of Kendallville and Charles Uhl of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Jack Frehse of Kendallville and William Frehse of Florida; 13 grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Arneta Hovarter, on July 9, 1999; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Walter Schmuck and Carl and Leila Schmuck.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Harwood Kobi

FORT WAYNE — Harwood V. Kobi, 84, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at St. Anne Home.

A Garrett native, Mr. Kobi retired in 1979 from Dana Corp., where he had worked 30 years. He was a World War II Army veteran, earning five Bronze Stars and participating in the Battle of the Bulge.

He was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Knights of Columbus and the Bluffton post of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian I. Kobi of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law Neil and Deborah Kobi of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Chester, Clifford and Lindey; and a sister, Betty Stahl.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday with calling one hour prior to the service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, with burial in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, with a rosary service at 3:30 p.m.

THIS OBITUARY *is being rerun to correct errors in information provided by the funeral home.*

Carol Fenker

FORT WAYNE — Carol Fenker, 71, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

She retired from Harvester and as secretary at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

She was a member of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital. She loved gardening and dining out with friends.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Jane and George Bero of Fort Wayne; and four brothers and three sisters-in-law, Robert J. Fenker, Richard and Sharon Fenker and James and Diana Fenker, all of Fort Wayne, and Joseph and Mary Fenker of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville.

Services at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 1100 S. Calhoun St. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-9 p.m. today at Mungovan & Sons Memorial Chapel, 2114 S. Calhoun St. with a vigil at 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home.

Conrad Cape

EDGERTON, Ohio — Conrad J. Cape, 80, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at 12:55 p.m. in Parkview Nursing Center at Edgerton. He had been a patient there for three weeks.

Mr. Cape was a farmer and at one time was employed by General Motors and Johns-Mansville in Defiance, Ohio.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 1494, both of Edgerton. He was a former lector at St. Mary's and an avid bowler.

He once ran for the Ohio House of Representatives in District 57. He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy.

He was born Aug. 29, 1923, in Defiance County, Ohio, the son of Guy C. and Agnes A. (Goebel) Cape.

He married Grace Wagner on Oct. 23, 1948, in Defiance. She survives.

Also surviving are three daughters and a son-in-law, Anna Marie Cramb of Dallas, Rose Ann Cape of Marietta, Ga., and Jean Ann and Bill Muehlfeld of Bryan, Ohio; four sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Becky Cape of Edgerton, Matthew J. and Linda Cape of Butler, John L. and Candy Cape of Warsaw, and Luke L. and Tina Cape of Edgerton; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; five brothers and four sisters-in-law, Paul C. and Dolores Cape, Sherman O. and Rozella Cape, Frank D. and Maralyn Cape and Donald A. and Patricia Cape, all of Edgerton, and Kermit O. Cape of Angola; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Rose Mary Johnson and Ellen Sleesman, both of Edgerton, and Rita A. and Clarence Wuebben, also of Edgerton.

He was preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother, Earl A. Cape.

Services will be Saturday at 9:30 a.m. (Indiana time) in St. Mary's Catholic Church with Father Thomas Oody officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery with graveside military rites conducted by John D. Smith of American Legion Post 10 in Edgerton.

Calling will be Friday from 1 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. (Indiana times) at Krill Funeral Home, 114 E. Hull St., Edgerton, with a rosary service at 7 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Condolences may be sent to capefamily@krillfuneralservice.com.

Marie Serrano

FORT WAYNE — Marie (Shaner) Serrano, 98, of Fort Wayne died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at University Park Nursing Home.

She was a retired bookkeeper for Decorators Supply.

A native of Convoy, Ohio, she had been a member of the First Wayne Street United Methodist Church since 1947.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and John North of Fort Wayne; granddaughters Cindy Reuille and Kathy Didion, both of Fort Wayne, Cherry Gallogly of Auburn and Teresa Baumgartner of Hamilton Lake; grandsons Tim and Tom North of Texas and Jim North of Fort Wayne; a niece, Betty Helser of Fort Wayne; 20 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday with calling one hour prior to the service at the C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St. The Rev. Mike Harris will officiate.

Additional calling will be from 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Matthew 25 Clinic and Meals on Wheels.

John Markley

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — John Alden Markley, 78, of Louisville, Ky., died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004.

Mr. Markley was born in Corunna. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1943, served in the European Theater in World War II and received a Purple Heart and three Bronze Stars.

Following military service, he attended Indiana University and received his bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering.

He was director of international operations for Kentucky Fried Chicken for 12 years until he retired in 1991. Before that, he was a senior industrial engineer with Kroger Co. for 27 years. In 1981, he was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel by the governor of Kentucky. Following retirement, he was a volunteer for the International Executive Service Corps, working with his wife in countries overseas. He was a 59-year member of the Society for Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America and was recognized by the society as one of 7 Men of Note. He was past president of both the Cincinnati Southern Gateway Chorus and the Louisville Thoroughbreds Barbershop Chorus. He recently received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Thoroughbreds.

Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Dee; a son, Andrew; a daughter, Gaye; a daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Richard Covyeau; his grandchildren, Jonathan and Cameron; and many friends, family members and neighbors around the world whose lives he touched.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be Friday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Hospice of Louisville, P.O. Box 363370, Louisville, KY 40233, or to the American Cancer Society.

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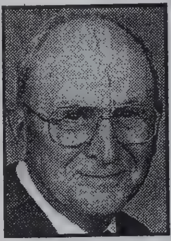
Jack Pinney

ALBION — Jack Clinton Pinney, 79, of Bear Lake near Albion died at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at his home.



Mr. Pinney

Mr. Pinney spent most of his life in Allen County and graduated from Roanoke High School in 1943. He moved to Bear Lake in 1985.

He worked for 10 1/2 years for Baer Field Crash and Guard Department through the Fort Wayne Police Department and then for 20 years for Phelps Dodge in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Pinney was born July 9, 1925, at Lafayette to Russell and Luella (Morris) Pinney. On Dec. 6, 1947, in Waynedale United Methodist Church he married Ardella Laurene Neuenschwander. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Priscilla and Gregory Jeffrey of North Webster and Rita Bunger of Rome City; a brother and sister-in-law, George and Betty Pinney of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Jack Engle of Roanoke; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers, Max, Lee and Ralph Pinney.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor James Tews of the Messiah Lutheran Church at Wolcottville officiating. Burial will be at Pleasant Grove Cemetery near North Manchester.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.demoneygrimes.com.

Lori Phelps

GARRETT — Lori Ann Yarian Phelps, 33, of Garrett died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at 5:50 p.m. at her home.

She was a waitress at Bob Evans restaurant in Auburn for the past two years. She had lived in Garrett for the past three years. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was born Feb. 13, 1971, in Auburn to William J. and Connie (Tuttle) Yarian.

She attended grade school in Garrett and graduated from New Castle High School.

On Aug. 28, 1997, in New Castle, she married Chadd Phelps. He survives in New Castle.

Also surviving are her mother and stepfather, Connie K. and Al Wiechart of Garrett; two daughters, Carli Jo and Cassidi Phelps of New Castle; one brother and sister-in-law, Darin and Sarah Yarian of Corunna; one sister and brother-in-law, Kristi and Ben Ellis of Fort Wayne; a grandfather, Donald Yarian of Garrett; a grandmother, Betty Tuttle of Garrett; a niece Christina Yarian of Corunna; nephews Aaron and Alan Gideon of New Castle; and her mother-in-law, Penny Phelps of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her father on March 17, 2000; a grandfather, Ralph Tuttle; and a grandmother, Alice Yarian.

There will be no service or calling. Cremation will take place Thursday at the Northern Indiana Crematory, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to her daughters.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skynet.net.

Martha Chaney

LIGONIER — Martha L. Chaney, 78, of Ligonier died at 9:25 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, at Avalon Village Nursing Home in Ligonier.

Mrs. Chaney had worked at Ligonier Rubber Co., Essex Wire and the Ligonier Furniture Factory before her marriage.

She had attended the Willowdale Church of Christ in Elkhart.

She enjoyed gardening and canning produce from her garden.

Mrs. Chaney was born Aug. 21, 1925, in Olanta, S.C., to Adolphus and Rosabelle (Welch) McElveen.

On Oct. 3, 1957, in Louisa, Va., she married David E. Chaney. He died Feb. 12.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Don Chaney of Ligonier and John and Missy Chaney of Norway, Mich.; and two grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Goshen Church of Christ, 61073 S.R. 15 North, Goshen, with Pastor Brad Price officiating.

Calling will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.billingsfuneralhome.com.

Billings Funeral Home in Elkhart is in charge of arrangements.

Hope Weilert

MARION — Hope A. Weilert, 91, of Marion died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2004, at 10 p.m. in her home.

Mrs. Weilert

Mrs. Weilert was a former resident of Garrett and Alexandria. She moved to Marion in the 1950s.

She was born Aug. 27, 1912, in Defiance, Ohio, to the late Lloyd M. and Bessie (Sponseller) Swalley.

She married Rowell S. Weilert on March 12, 1932. He died Jan. 15, 1978.

She and her late husband formerly owned and operated the Owen-Weilert Funeral Home in Marion for 25 years. They also formerly owned and operated the Davis-Stricler Funeral Home and the Alex Theatre, both in Alexandria. A 1931 graduate of Garrett High School, she was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Marion, where she was a member of the Debbie Vance Circle and formerly served on the board of the Speeders Group.

She was a member of the Marion YWCA, serving on the board of directors for many years, including two terms as president, and was past president serving on the board of trustees and served as YWCA Tour Director for several years.

Mrs. Weilert was a member of the Hostess House, serving on the board of directors, and served as membership luncheon chairman for several years. She enjoyed playing Mrs. Santa Claus for both the YWCA and the Hostess House for many years.

She was a member of the Altrusa Club, serving two terms as president, and the Marion Women's Department Club, where she was a three-term past president. She was a two-term past president, former district director and past Woman of the Year in the Business and Professional Women's Club.

She was active as a member and past president of the Women's Club, was past president of GFWC/IFC of Grant County and received the Woman of the Year Award. She was also past district president of GFWC/IFC Northeast District.

Mrs. Weilert organized and directed the original Widow to Widow Group of Grant County and served on the Cancer Services of Grant County Board for 14 years and was a past president. She was a member and past president of Art Circle and Aesope Club, both of Alexandria.

She was a member of the Wednesday Study Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Weilert was a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Chapter 67, in Garrett, and a member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority since 1931.

Surviving are her adopted family and caregivers, Steve and Sue Wampner and their daughter, Hayley, of Marion.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a brother, Virgil Swalley.

Services will be Thursday at 6 p.m. in Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Service, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion. The Rev. Ed Fritz will officiate. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lakeview Christian School, 5316 S. Western Ave., Marion, IN 46953.

Linda Saylor

BARBOURVILLE, Ky. — Linda Saylor, 47, of Barbourville and formerly of Harlan, Ky., died Sunday Aug. 8, 2004, from injuries she received in a motorcycle accident in Bell County.

Mrs. Saylor was the assistant manager for McDonalds in Middlesboro. She believed in the Baptist faith.

She was born June 27, 1957, in Auburn, Ind. Her mother, Lonzie Miller survives in Angola, Ind., and her father, Ray Miller, is deceased.

Also surviving are her husband, Virgil Saylor of Barbourville; six sons, Nicholas Saylor, Brandon Miller Brent Miller and Bryce Miller, all of Barbourville, and Nick Miller of Wallins; three daughters, Tina Miller and Brittany Miller, both of Barbourville, and Jennifer Miller of Kendallville, Ind.; two brothers, Eddie Karasek of Orange County, Calif., and David Miller of Fort Wayne; seven grandchildren, Heath Briggs, Colton Harris, Robby Harris, Chyanna Harris, Ashley Griggs, Alex Saylor and Haston Saylor.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the Bannerfork House of Prayer with the Rev. Terry Taylor officiating. Burial will be in Old Creech Cemetery in Wallins.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today in the chapel of Mount Pleasant Funeral Home in Harlan.

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Maxine Lemish

KENDALLVILLE — Maxine R. Lemish, 80, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Lemish

Mrs. Lemish retired in 1980 after serving 25 years in the office at Newnam Foundry.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville. She was also a member of the Kendallville Women of the Moose Chapter 730 and the Kendallville American Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Lemish was born May 11, 1924, in Green Township, Noble County, to Benjamin and Tillie (Banks) Addis. She first married Warren Hursey on Sept. 25, 1942, in Albion and he preceded her in death in 1977. She then married Leo Lemish on Dec. 26, 1978, in Kendallville and he preceded her in death Nov. 26, 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Brenda and Jim Showen of Kendallville and Vickie Patee and her companion Sherman Click of Kendallville; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Mae and Edgar Long and Joan and Glen Bollinger, all of Kendallville, and Patricia Hollar of Churubusco; five grandchildren, Rebecca Daniels of Kendallville, Marc Showen of Kendallville, Jeff Showen of Hamler, Ohio, Brian Hursey of Noblesville and Richard Patee Jr. of Merrillville; 12 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Roger Hursey, in 1981; a brother, Gerald Addis; and a sister, Audrey Hillard.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with a rosary at 2:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Masses to the church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Melvin Nodine

ANGOLA — Melvin "Bud" Nodine, 73, of Angola died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at home.

Mr. Nodine was born Sept. 24, 1930, in Auburn, to Dewey and Marian (Suddick) Nodine.

He was a veteran of the Korean War. He worked at Dewey's Auto, and was the owner of Pittsburg Paint and Glass. He also owned N Sales, and drove the trolley at Prime Outlets at Fremont.

He enjoyed metal detecting, old cars and airplanes. He was a member of Hoosier War Birds, Angola American Legion Post No. 31 and the Libertarian Party.

Surviving are two sons, Mark Nodine of Angola and Matthew Nodine of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren, Brittany, Jacob, Keegan, Isaiah and Stephanie; and a great-granddaughter, Jenna.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael, on Feb. 1, 1987; and his parents.

Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Thursday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola. A gathering will be held at noon Thursday at the home of Matthew Nodine, 3630 S. C.R. 150W, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society or the American Lung Association.

Frank Sarpa

ORLAND PARK, Ill. — Frank J. Sarpa, 74, of Orland Park, Ill., died Wednesday, July 28, 2004.

A former resident of Garrett, he attended Garrett High School, was a veteran of the Korean War and retired as a car salesman.

Surviving are his wife, Carolyn Sarpa; a sister, Mary Ann Sitarski; two daughters and one granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna, and two brothers, Nicholas and John.

He will be interred in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Joe Rhodes Jr.

AVILLA — Joe Rhodes Jr., 80, of Avilla died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, at 9:30 p.m. in Ardmore, Okla., He had been in failing health for more than a year.

Services are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Callie Culter

CULVER — Callie Culter, 106, of Culver died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Culver.

She was born June 26, 1898, in Culver and was a lifetime resident of Culver.

Surviving are two daughters, Virginia Booker of Plymouth and Shirley Clark of Springfield, Ill; seven grandchildren, including Deanna Langfeldt of Garrett; 19 great-grandchildren, including Jon Langfeldt of Garrett; and 13 great-great grandchildren, including Stacy Thrush and Erik Thrush, both of Garrett.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Van Gilder Funeral Home at Plymouth. Burial will be in Culver.

Calling will be Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

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Rex Bercaw

AUBURN — Rex Bercaw, 49, of Auburn died peacefully in his home Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Mr. Bercaw

Mr. Bercaw was the corporate treasurer and the fleet, lease and finance manager of his family-owned business, Maxton Motors Inc. in Butler, from which he retired in July 2003. He also worked at Gates Automotive Group in South Bend, Weissenberger Chevrolet and George Ballas Buick in Toledo, Ohio.

He graduated from Eastside High School in 1973 and from Northwood Institute at Midland, Mich., in 1975 with a degree in automotive marketing.

He was honored as a Paul Harris Fellow from Rotary International through the Butler Club. He was a member of Elks Lodge 1978 in Auburn and St. Mark's Lutheran Church, where he served on the church council, budget committee and endowment committee.

Mr. Bercaw was born in Garrett on May 16, 1955, to the late Dick and Lois (Buttermore) Bercaw of Butler.

He married his college sweetheart, Kristine Suson (Kane) Bercaw, from Temperance, Mich., in April 1977 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Temperance. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Alison K. and Justin D. Aldrich of Corunna and Jacquelyn D. Bercaw at home; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack N. and Elaine M. Bercaw of Fremont and Randy L. and Sally J. Bercaw of Butler, along with several nieces and nephews, a great-niece; and his caregiver, Cindy Wolf of Auburn.

Services will be Friday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be at Butler Cemetery in the family plot.

Calling will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, and Friday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to ALS Association in Carmel, Parkview Hospice and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

THE NEW ERA

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Benjamin Konger

ALBION — Benjamin Paul Konger, age 20, a resident of Albion, died Saturday, August 7, 2004, in the Lutheran Hospital as a result of a single vehicle accident.

A lifelong resident of the area, he was born March 28, 1984, in Fort Wayne, the son of Mike and Beth (Conrow) Konger.

Mr. Konger was employed at Demuty Masonry in Rome City. He was a 2002 graduate of Churubusco High School and attended Ball State University for one year. He was also a 10 year member of Noble County Horse and Pony 4-H and a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege. He also coached Churubusco Jr. High wrestling. He had a special interest in duck hunting, horses and people.

Surviving in addition to his parents Mike and Beth Konger of Albion are a brother, Lucas M. Konger, and his sister, Jessica A. Konger, both at home. Also surviving are his grandparents, Paul and Verdonna Konger of Albion, Alice Conrow of Churubusco, and Dick and Sara Conrow of Churubusco; great-grandparents, Jim and Irene Guiff of Churubusco, and a host of aunts and uncles and special friend, Jenny Williams of Leo.

The mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, August 11, 2004, in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ege. Burial was in the Ege Catholic Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco High School Wrestling Club or Noble County Horse and Pony 4-H.

Brynn Bergin

MISHAWAKA — Brynn Bergin, 20, of Mishawaka died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in a traffic accident.

Miss Bergin graduated in 2003 from Mishawaka High School where she was a cheerleader, member of the National Honor Society, homecoming queen her senior year and ran on the cross country team. She attended Indiana University where she planned to study medicine.

She loved animals, especially her cat, Scully, and enjoyed spending time at the beach, shopping, dancing, talking on the phone and eating ice cream.

She was born Aug. 3, 1984, in Mishawaka to Michael and Cari Bergin. They survive.

Also surviving are three brothers, Tyler Bergin of Mishawaka, and Kyle and Christian, both at home; her maternal grandmother and her husband, Robert and Nancy Flint Shambaugh of Rome City; her maternal grandfather and his wife, Carl and Becky Flint of Albion; her paternal grandfather, Paul Bergin of Crystal River, Fla.; and her paternal grandmother, M. Patricia Bergin of Ocala, Fla.

Services were held Wednesday, August 11, 2004 at Hahn Funeral Home in Mishawaka.

Memorials are to the Humane Society or the Women's Care Center.

Alma Ransom

AUBURN — Alma E. Ransom, 84, formerly of Auburn, died Monday, Aug. 2, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor nursing home in Garrett.

Mrs. Ransom was a homemaker and a member of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Spencerville.

She was born June 7, 1920, in Allen County to Henry and Bertha (Lehman) Bartell.

She married Daniel S. Ransom on Sept. 11, 1938, in LaGrange. He died Oct. 14, 2000.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters-in-law, Eddie A. and Gailanna Ransom of Avilla, Roger L. Ransom of Kimmell, Dennis K. and Alice Ransom of Auburn and Curtis J. Ransom of Spencerville; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl A. and Ronald Clark of Auburn; two brothers, Martin Bartell of St. Joe and Jerry Bartell of Bryan, Ohio; three sisters, Freda Springer of Harlan, Anna Barron of Cedar Lake and Mildred Groshon of Angola; 18 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Ester Cook.

Services were held Friday, August 6, 2004 at Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, with the Rev. Paul Row officiating. Burial was in White City Cemetery at Spencerville.

Memorials are to St. Peter Lutheran Church of Spencerville.

Riley Applegate

ALBION — Riley Alyssa Lynn Applegate, was stillborn on July 19, 2004, at Monroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala, Florida.

She is survived by her parents, Christopher M. and Angel M. (Little) Applegate and three sisters, Morgan, Isis and Madison, all of Ocala, FL; grandparents, Jim L. and Juanita Applegate of Ocala, FL, Debra McClellan of Albion; and great-grandparents, Jim A. and Ann Applegate of Albion.

She was preceded in death by great-grandmother, Jayne Applegate.

Graveside services were held at Rose Hill Cemetery on August 7, 2004, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Wade Sturdirent officiating.

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Marcelle Fought

ROME CITY — Marcelle Malle Fought, 89, of Rome City and formerly of Wawaka died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Fought moved to Noble County in 1954 from Waterloo. She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Waterloo Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had been active in her church both in Waterloo and Brimfield and had been a Sunday school teacher at the Waterloo Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Mrs. Fought enjoyed fishing, cooking, gardening and spending time with her family.

She was born Feb. 2, 1915, in Hamilton to Joe and Emma (Whitbey) Dangler.

In 1938, she married Bill Malle. He preceded her in death.

In 1988, she married Robert Fought. He preceded her in death in 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas J. and Pat Malle of Wawaka; a daughter, Mary Malle of Rome City; a stepson and his wife, David and Bonnie Fought of Topeka; two stepdaughters and their husbands, Deanna and Jack Moser of Ligonier and Rosemary and Harold Targgart of Wolcottville; a brother and sister-in-law, David and Leora Dangler of Waterloo; a sister, Emogene White of Coldwater, Mich.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by four brothers, Deloss, Joe, Don and Charlie Dangler; and three sisters, Lois Kelly Lynn, Edith Hoot and Bell Good.

Services were held Saturday, August 7, 2004 at Brimfield United Methodist Church with the Rev. Maurine Mauzy and two of Mrs. Fought's nephews, David Hoot and Nick Hoot, officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery.

Memorials are to Brimfield United Methodist Church or Parkview Hospice.

This obituary is being reprinted due to corrections.

L. Evelyn Black

ALBION — L. Evelyn "Aunt Von" Black, 96, died Friday, August 6, 2004, in Park Central Fremont, California.

She was born December 24, 1907, in Nappanee, IN. to Fred and Blanche (French) Frymier. She moved to Albion when she was 10 years old and had lived in Fremont, CA the past seven years.

On June 7, 1929, she was married to Glen "Chick" C. Black in Frankfort, IN. Mr. Black died January 10, 1989.

Mrs. Black had been employed in private nursing and had worked at the Wolf Lake and Kendallville Hospitals.

She is survived by two daughters, Sally (Leo) Pferferkorn of Albion, and Michele "Shelly" (George) Collins of Fremont, CA; one son, John Seth (Judy) Black of Douglasville, GA; three grandchildren, Jona Slone, Todd Black and Amy Katz; seven great-grandchildren, Randy Black, Katy Black, Amber Black, Seth Black, Riley Black, Tara Slone, and Tricia Slone.

Mrs. Black was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Ardella Metz, Dode Frymier; and four brothers, Gerald Frymier, Morris John "Chick" Frymier, Edgar Frymier, and Fredrick "Ted" Frymier.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 12, 2004, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, with Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating. Visitation will be 3-6 p.m. Wednesday, August 11 at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion, one half hour prior to the services at the church on Thursday. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Byron Fromm

FORT WAYNE — Byron E. Fromm, 57, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, August 8, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Fromm was a salesman at Hayden Honda.

He served in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Fromm was a member of the Roanoke Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine and the Gold Wing Touring Association.

Surviving are his wife, Beverly of Fort Wayne; a son, Darryl R. Fromm of Kimmell; a daughter, Lucinda E. Fromm of Kimmell; his mother, Bertha Fromm of Fort Wayne; two stepdaughters, Marjorie L. Kuhn of Fort Wayne and Anna C. Outten of Valrico, Fla.; two brothers, Richard M. Fromm Jr. of Fort Wayne and Gene A. Fromm of Shoals; two sisters, Beverly J. Craig and Rowena K. Scheibenberger, both of Fort Wayne; and a stepgranddaughter, Cara Teders.

Services were held Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home. Burial was in Covington Memorial Gardens. Masonic services were held Tuesday, August 10, 2004

Memorials are to Shriners Children's Hospital.

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Cave-in kills St. Joe man

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ST. JOE — Tragedy claimed a respected member of the St. Joe community Wednesday when a soil cave-in killed Kevin R. Kreischer, 49, as he was repairing a drainage tile.

Kreischer was working in a hole about 12 feet deep, in a grain field south of his home in the 4900 block of C.R. 60, when one of the soil walls collapsed on him.

When he failed to arrive for a 6 p.m. meeting at Concord United Methodist Church, a mile away, friends and family members went to the field to check on him.

"They had actually come back here and no one was around the equipment, and they had left and still couldn't locate him, so they came back and checked a second time," said DeKalb County Police Cpl. Roger Watson, who investigated the accident.

On their second attempt to find Kreischer, his friends noticed the collapsed soil in the hole. They used Kreischer's power backhoe to uncover his body in an attempt to save him, Watson said. The rescuers called police shortly before 6:30 p.m.

Kreischer

Kreischer was working in a harvested wheat field, south of C.R. 60 and one-third of a mile west of C.R. 51.

"Kevin always did his own field maintenance, so it's not uncommon for him to have been out here working on it," Watson said.

The last anyone had seen Kreischer working was around 4 p.m. He apparently had used an aluminum ladder to climb down into the hole.

Watson said the 12-foot hole is a common depth for repairing field tiles. He said farmers rarely take the precaution of bracing sidewalls to guard against collapse.

"I'll bet he's been down in holes for the last 20 years repairing tiles," Watson said.

DeKalb EMS, the DeKalb County coroner, Concord Fire Rescue and the Spencerville Fire Department assisted county police at the scene of the accident.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Kreischer are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

A lifetime farmer who raised grain and hogs, Kreischer loved the St. Joe community, his relatives and friends said.

"He was such a jovial guy, willing to

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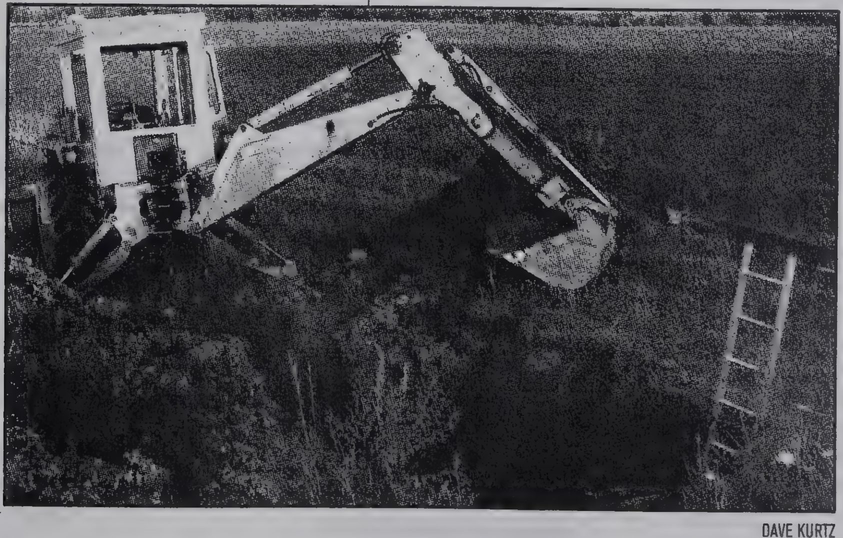

DAVE KURTZ

Kevin Kreischer, 49, of St. Joe died Wednesday when soil inside this excavation collapsed on him.

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CAVE-IN: *Kreischer was farmer, former firefighter, new grandfather*

help anybody under any circumstances," said Sherri Sible, a neighbor and relative. "He was everybody's friend."

When Sible and her husband, Gary, lost a barn to high winds three years ago, "No one even had to tell him. He was there with his gloves on, willing to do anything," Sherri Sible said. "He almost saw the need before it was there for anyone in the community."

Kreischer had been a volunteer firefighter in Concord Township for 21 years. His son, Jason, recently followed in his footsteps by becoming a full-time firefighter in Auburn.

Kreischer had a new grandchild and had become a loving grandfather, Sherri Sible said.

"I don't think the guy ever knew a stranger. Anybody that knew him enjoyed his company," said Lowell Prentice, who had known Kreischer since grade school.

Kreischer bought his farm from Neil Prentice, Lowell Prentice's father. He also sharecropped other land owned by Neil Prentice, including the field where Wednesday's accident occurred.

Lowell Prentice said Kreischer graduated from Eastside High School in 1973.

"It didn't make any difference who you were — he was a good friend to you," Prentice said about Kreischer. "If you needed help, he was there."

Kreischer was "just a good neighbor. I wish more people could be like him," said Andy Crow of St. Joe.

"Kevin was just one of those guys everybody loved and got along with. He didn't have an enemy in the world. You could always count on him to be there," said Nolan Johnson of rural Auburn, Kreischer's friend since childhood.

"He was just one of those swell guys," Johnson said, "and you just don't understand why something like this needs to happen."

Maynard Evers

STURGIS, Mich. — Maynard Paul Evers, 82, of Sturgis died Monday, July 26, 2004, in southwestern Missouri on the first day of a two-week vacation to visit a stepdaughter and her husband.

Survivors include a son, Terron Evers of Kendallville, Ind.; a sister, Helen Burkes of Angola, Ind.; a nephew, Frank Evers, and his family; and two stepdaughters.

No services are planned.

Lakin Funeral Home in Pierce City, Mo., was in charge of arrangements.

Virginia Demke

ALBION — Virginia P. Demke, 57, of Albion died at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Demke owned a day care center and had worked at Ethan Allen Furniture.

She enjoyed crocheting and fishing.

She was born Jan. 17, 1947, in Chicago, Ill., to Ervin and Mary (Strope) Haske. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul and JoAnn Demke of Brooklyn Park, Minn., and Eric Demke of Glendale Heights, Ill.; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Haske.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland officiating.

Calling will be one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Kevin Kreischer

ST. JOE — Kevin R. Kreischer, 49, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in a farming accident.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo.

Ida Wysong

MIDDLEBURY — Ida Wysong, 70, of Middlebury died at 1:04 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital where she had been a patient since July 26.

A native of Germany, Mrs. Wysong worked in the family restaurant until she was married. She immigrated to the United States Feb. 5, 1964, and lived at various military bases with her husband until he retired from the service in 1966 and the couple moved to Middlebury.

Mrs. Wysong

Mrs. Wysong delivered newspapers in Middlebury and was a substitute mail carrier at the Middlebury post office. She was the first female rural letter carrier at the Middlebury post office. She retired from there Sept. 30, 1995. Following her retirement, she traveled to Germany and Austria and took cruises to Alaska and along the California coast.

She was an avid reader and a frequent visitor to the Middlebury Library. She was a member of the National Rural Letter Carriers Association.

She was born Dec. 23, 1933, in Nuremburg, Germany, to William and Martha (Paulus) Zuckermandel. On July 26, 1960, in Zirndorf, Germany, she married Charles Wysong Jr. He died Oct. 13, 1999.

Surviving are a son, Charles Wysong III of Middlebury; and a sister, Liesel Fischer of Zirndorf.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury with the Rev. John Yoder officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery at Middlebury.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Elkhart County Cancer Society or to the donor's choice.

Dorleska Pence

VENICE, Fla. — Former Angola and Steuben County resident Dorleska Gay Pence, 95, of Venice, Fla., died Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, in Venice.

Mrs. Pence was born May 22, 1909, in Orland, to Louis R. and Eva (Taylor) Gay. She was married to Byron J. Pence, who preceded her in death.

She was a retired school teacher. She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diann G. and Jack Miller of Venice; a granddaughter, Gay Miller of Missouri; a grandson, David Miller of California; and a great-grandson, Carson Miller Mulvey of Missouri.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, with the Rev. Laurence Smith officiating. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 1230 S. Tuttle Ave., Sarasota, FL 34239.

Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Sister Carol Herman

FRANKFORT, Ill. — Sister Carol Herman, O.S.F., 65, of the St. Francis Convent in Frankfort died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Provena St. Joseph Medical Center.

Sister Carol entered the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart in 1960, made First Profession of Vows on June 21, 1963, and Final Profession of Vows on June 21, 1968.

She had taught at St. Michael in Schererville, Ind., and at St. Charles School in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Sister Carol received a degree in business administration from Governors State in 1985. This moved her into other areas of ministry serving in fiscal services and some administration within Provena Health facilities in Avilla, Ind., and Joliet and Danville, Ill.

She was administrator at Sacred Heart Home in Avilla from 1977 to 1983 and had served on the board of trustees there since 1994. She delighted in her work serving the elderly at Sacred Heart Home.

She was born Dec. 25, 1938, in Edgerton, Ohio, to Leonard and Cecilia (Long) Herman. They are deceased.

Surviving are two brothers and three sisters in Ohio.

A brother, Edward Herman, also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Queen of Angels Chapel, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. today at the Motherhouse with a wake service at 4 p.m.

Burial will be Saturday at Sacred Heart Cemetery at Avilla, following a Mass at Provena Sacred Heart Home at 10:30 a.m.

Memorials are to the Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Senior Sisters Retirement Fund, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Ill., 60423-8335.

Bill Bandenberg Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Joe Rhodes Jr.

AVILLA — Joe Rhodes Jr., 80, of Avilla died at 9:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 9, 2004, in Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. Rhodes had been an Avilla resident since 1969, moving there from Lake of the Woods.

He had retired in 1986 after 20 years of service at Dana Corp. in Auburn.

Mr. Rhodes was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a lifetime member of the Garrett American Legion Post.

He was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God in Garrett.

Mr. Rhodes enjoyed hunting, especially raccoon hunting.

He was born July 10, 1924, in Stockport, Ohio, the son of Joe Sr. and Julie (McComas) Rhodes. On April 23, 1963, in Tennessee he married Floetta Maxine Bright. She survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters and sons-in-law, Myrtle and Ron Garrison of Angola, Hazel and Terrell Golden of Pratville, Ala., Julie and James Peeples of Findlay, Ohio, Margaret and Doug Ashenfelter of Garrett, Connie and Craig Ball of Avilla, Louella and Rex Garringer of Ardmore, Okla., and Floetta and Byron Graves of Avilla; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Damon Rhodes of Panama City, Fla., Greg Rhodes of Panama City, Danny Rhodes of Fort Wayne and Wesley and Alissa Rhodes of Avilla; three sisters, Maxine Olds of Waterloo, Margaret Terry of Hicksville, Ohio, and Betty Kurtman of Auburn; 34 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Max Rhodes and James Rhodes, and a sister, Louella Strock.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Lighthouse Assembly of God, 1370 S. Randolph St., Garrett, with the Rev. Kevin D. Bodey officiating. Burial with military services by Avilla American Legion Post 240 will be in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Calling will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor at Garrett or the church.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted to provide additional information.*

Chelsea Frehse

KENDALLVILLE — Chelsea (Uhl) Frehse, 94, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill nursing home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Frehse

Mrs. Frehse was the bookkeeper and secretary for Uhl Oil Co. from 1932-1985.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Mrs. Frehse was born June 16, 1910, in Albion to Charles and Carrie (Weimer) Schmuck. She married Harold Uhl on April 28, 1927, in Noble County. He died on Nov. 21, 1971. In July 1990, she married Lowell Frehse. He died Aug. 24, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Harold and Jean Uhl of Kendallville and Charles Uhl of Fort Wayne; two stepsons, Jack Frehse of Kendallville and William Frehse of Florida; a sister, Gertrude Arnold of Kendallville; a brother, Clarence Schmuck of Kendallville; 13 grandchildren; several stepgrandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and several stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Arneta Hovarter July 9, 1999; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Walter Schmuck and Carl and Leila Schmuck.

Services were at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Paul Greibel officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Pallbearers were John Cauhorn, Adam Uhl, Ryan Uhl, Andrew Shultz, Cole DeRossett, Kevin Shade and Kyle Pelz.

Honorary pallbearers were Gary Uhl, Chad Uhl, Douglas Uhl, John Hovarter and Butch Hovarter.

Memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bufford Griffith

LIGONIER — Bufford V. Griffith, 58, of Ligonier died Thursday, Aug. 5, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Griffith did electrical installation for the recreational vehicle industry. He had moved to this area in 1969 from Kentucky.

He had served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam and was a member of West Noble American Legion Post 243 and Syracuse VFW Post 1342.

Mr. Griffith enjoyed woodworking, fishing, playing basketball and listening to music. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He was born Nov. 29, 1945, in Floyd County, Ky., to Kendall and Olive I. (Patton) Griffith. On Aug. 29, 1969, in Martin, Ky., he married Phyllis K. Chaffins. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Shane Griffith of Ligonier and Travis and Jessica Griffith of Ligonier; a daughter and son-in-law, Felicia and Jacob Stewart of Ligonier; two brothers and a sister-in-law, James Griffith of Cromwell and Kenneth and Lucy Griffith of Ligonier; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Oma and Flem Messer of Ligonier and Wendy Brown of Fort Wayne; and four grandchildren, Cody Griffith, Logan Griffith, Jasmine Ritchie and Cloe Fernandez.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Carmaline Griffith.

Services were Saturday at Shiloh Baptist Church in Ligonier with the Rev. Jimmy Shepherd officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with military rites.

Brynn Bergin

MISHAWAKA — Brynn Bergin, 20, of Mishawaka died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in a traffic accident.

Miss Bergin graduated in 2003 from Mishawaka High School where she was a cheerleader, member of the National Honor Society, homecoming queen her senior year and ran on the cross country team. She attended Indiana University where she planned to study medicine.

She loved animals, especially her cat, Scully, and enjoyed spending time at the beach, shopping, dancing, talking on the phone and eating ice cream.

She was born Aug. 3, 1984, in Mishawaka to Michael and Cari Bergin. They survive.

Also surviving are three brothers, Tyler Bergin of Mishawaka, and Kyle and Christian, both at home; her maternal grandmother and her husband, Robert and Nancy Flint Shambaugh of Rome City; her maternal grandfather and his wife, Carl and Becky Flint of Albion; her paternal grandfather, Paul Bergin of Crystal River, Fla.; and her paternal grandmother, M. Patricia Bergin of Ocala, Fla.

Services were Wednesday at Hahn Funeral Home, Mishawaka.

Memorials are to the Humane Society or the Women's Care Center.

John Seely

KENDALLVILLE — John A. Seely, 60, of Kendallville died at 1:59 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Seely

A lifetime Noble County resident, he had retired after 31 years in machine set up at Silgan Plastics.

Mr. Seely was a member of Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and his dogs and watching "The Lone Ranger." He also enjoyed helping his friends farm.

He was born Sept. 7, 1943, in Kendallville to Elsworth and Irma (Rensch) Seely. On Sept. 5, 1989, in Albion he married Carolyn Yoquelet. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Allen and Jill Seely of Fort Wayne, Jerry and Stephanie Hare of Van Wert, Ohio, and Dave and Jennifer Hare of Ligonier; a daughter and her companion, Sharon Yates and Greg Seutter of Garrett; eight grandchildren, Christopher Seely, McKenzy Yates, Alex Seely, Eric Seely, Shawn Hare, Zack Hare, Jake Hare and Ryan Hare.

He was preceded in death by an infant sister.

Services were Wednesday at Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial was in Hooper-King Cemetery, Avilla.

Memorials are to Independent Full Gospel Church.

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Kevin Kreischer

ST. JOE — Kevin R. Kreischer, 49, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in a farming accident near C.R. 51 and C.R. 60 in DeKalb County.

Mr. Kreischer

Mr. Kreischer was a lifetime farmer in Concord Township and was a school bus driver for the DeKalb Eastern school district for eight years.

He was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church, a 22-year member and former chief of the Concord Township Fire Department and a member of the Concord Township Advisory Board.

He was born Dec. 14, 1954, in Fort Wayne, to Raymond and Dorothy (Wells) Kreischer. They preceded him in death.

He married Renee Funk on June 1, 1975, in the Concord United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Karla Kreischer of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Derek Brown of Butler; two brothers, Keith Kreischer of Corunna and Kim Kreischer of Auburn; and a granddaughter, Laurin Brown.

He was preceded in death by a half brother, Ronnie Kreischer.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Christopher Mongson officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 2 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Concord United Methodist Church or the Concord Township Fire Department.

Judith Riddle

UNION CITY, Mich. — Judith M. Riddle, 58, of Union City, Mich., died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at home.

Mrs. Riddle was born Jan. 8, 1946, in Mount Pleasant, Mich., to Robert and Mary (Johnson) Schofield. She married Albert Riddle on Sept. 30, 1972, in Flint, Mich. He died in December, 1993.

She lived in the Union City area for many years. She had worked for Owens Corning in Angola as a quality control inspector, and was currently employed with Penguin Molding Corp. in Sturgis, Mich.

Surviving are a son, Albert Riddle of Union City; three daughters and a son-in-law, Stefanie Pelfrey of Union City, Billie and Clayton Bonham of Allen, Mich., and Robin Riddle of Bronson, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Penny Schofield of Kunkel, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ivadell and John Webb of Hillsdale, Mich., and Martha and Jim Cole of Kunkel; a special friend, Chris Wagner; and six grandchildren, Dennis Pelfrey III, Samantha Dunn, Clayton Bonham III, Billie May Bonham, Jacob Wolfinger and Jeffery Wolfinger Jr.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Courtney Bonham in 1993, and her parents.

Services will be at noon Indiana time on Saturday at Dutcher Funeral Home, Coldwater, Mich., with the Rev. Charles Sparks officiating. Calling will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon Indiana time.

Memorials are to the family.

John Carboni

FORT WAYNE — John B. Carboni, 80, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at his home.

Mr. Carboni worked as a machine operator at International Harvester for 30 years, retiring in 1981. He was a World War II veteran, serving from Normandy to the Rhineland.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society, American Legion Post 157 and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of New Haven. He was a Boy Scout leader.

Surviving are his wife, Rita, of Fort Wayne; six sons, John R. Carboni of LaPuente, Calif., Gary W. Carboni of New Haven, Timothy W. Carboni, James M. Carboni, Thomas A. Carboni and Dwayne E. Carboni, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Rita M. Moore of Fort Wayne; one brother, Benjamin Carboni of Ashley; 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday with calling one hour before the service at the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 943 Powers St., New Haven. Father Paul McCarthy will officiate. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery. Additional calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Memorials are to St. John the Baptist Church.

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William Jennings Sr.

FREMONT — William T. Jennings Sr., 72, of Fremont died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Jennings was born in Jackson, Mich. He was the owner of Jennings Music Store for 41 years, retiring in 2002. He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War, and was a member of Clear Lake Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Carol; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Michael and Rhonda Jennings of Bluffton and William T. Jennings Jr. and Richard and Susan Jennings, all of Fort Wayne; a daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and John Fox of Fort Wayne; a sister, Birdine Lint of Columbus, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandson and a sister.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday at Clear Lake Baptist Church. Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Clear Lake Baptist Church.

Demar Beber

AUBURN — Demar M. Beber, 89, of Auburn died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Beber was employed as a laborer at Warner Gear in Auburn for 40 years, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Auburn Masonic Lodge.

He was born May 16, 1915, in Garrett.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Barbara Beber of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Sue and John Ryan of Kennard; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zelma Beber, and a brother, Kenneth Beber.

Services will be Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, and Saturday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Auburn.

Michele Baldwin

SIOUX FALLS S.D. — Michele A. Baldwin, 52, of Sioux Falls, died Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2004.

Surviving are her husband, Roger Baldwin of Sioux Falls; a son, Bryan Weaver of Roanoke; a daughter, Denise Cooper of Garrett; three brothers, Kevin Connett and Alex Connett of Fort Wayne and Jody Connett of Clarksville, Tenn.; two sisters, Tina Masen and Cathy Busse, both of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; five nieces; and five nephews.

Private family services were held. Memorials are to Sioux Falls Hospice, 2710 W. 12th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

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Ann Barker

ANGOLA — Ann Isabell Barker, 74, of Angola died Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

On Dec. 14, 1929, in Auburn, she was born to Dale and Georgia (Mason) Van Wagner.

She worked at Scott's Grocery in the deli and seafood department.

She was a member of the Ney Methodist Church, Ney, Ohio; graduated from Ney High School in 1948 where she was salutatorian; and worked as a nurse's aide at Hillside Nursing Home and Bryan Nursing Care in Bryan, Ohio, and at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Barker

Mrs. Barker loved animals, especially cats, and liked to read, cook, garden, collect recipes and write Bible verse.

Surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, David and Debbie Barker, Lynchburg, Va., Jeff and Donna Barker, Fort Wayne, and Quinn Barker, Waterloo; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Karolyn and Joe Winebrenner, Angola, Mary and Ron Hall, Lewisburg, Tenn., Susan Kellogg and her companion, Randy Layman, Alvordton, Ohio, and Becky Caldwell, Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Peggy Van Wagner, Springhill, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Two brothers, Robert and Raymond Van Wagner, and her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Willard McKinley officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

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3 die in fiery crash

CRASH: *The scene was still being cleared six hours after the accident*

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LAGRANGE — A fiery head-on crash on U.S. 20 just west of C.R. 400E in LaGrange Saturday evening has left three young Elkhart County brothers dead.

The brothers, who were between the ages of 12 and 17, according to police, had just left a job site with their father, who was driving about 15 minutes behind them, and were headed home, according to Indiana State Police.

The victims' names are being withheld pending notification of extended family. They were pro-nounced dead at the scene.

According to ISP trooper Deven Hostetler, the Plymouth Voyager minivan in which the victims were riding crossed left of center for some unknown reason while westbound on U.S. 20 and hit a 1993 Peterbilt semi head-on at approximately 4:56 p.m.

The driver of the semi, Alexander Zeldman, 54, of Wallen Lake, Mich., was not injured.

The victims' father, along with all other U.S. 20 traffic, was routed around the scene. He was later notified.

Skid marks indicate that Zeldman attempted to brake before the collision. After the impact, Zeldman lost control of the semi, which veered left pushing the minivan onto the shoulder of the road. Both vehicles were on fire when emergency responders arrived on the scene.

LaGrange Sheriff's deputy Randy Mellinger, the second officer on the scene, said that when he arrived, the semi driver was out of the truck and walking by the side of the road.

"The inside (of his truck cab) looked like a blast furnace," Mellinger said, noting that the fire probably started underneath him allowing him time to get out unhurt.

LaGrange and Mongo fire and rescue units had to use foam spray to put out the fire consuming the minivan and semi, which melted the semi's cab, diesel tank and trailer. The semi was carrying thousands of square, metal autoparts, some of which spilled out through the melted trailer and onto U.S. 20.

Police wrapped tarps around a nearby fence to keep gawkers from watching them pull the three victims from the minivan. All three were pronounced dead at the scene.

Zeldman was taken to LaGrange Community Hospital for mandatory drug screening and observation for injuries from the crash.

Further investigation is underway, but Hostetler said alcohol is not believed to be a factor for either driver.

The scene was still being cleared at 11:45 p.m. and Hostetler expected several more hours of clean-up since the metal auto parts are having to be shoveled out.

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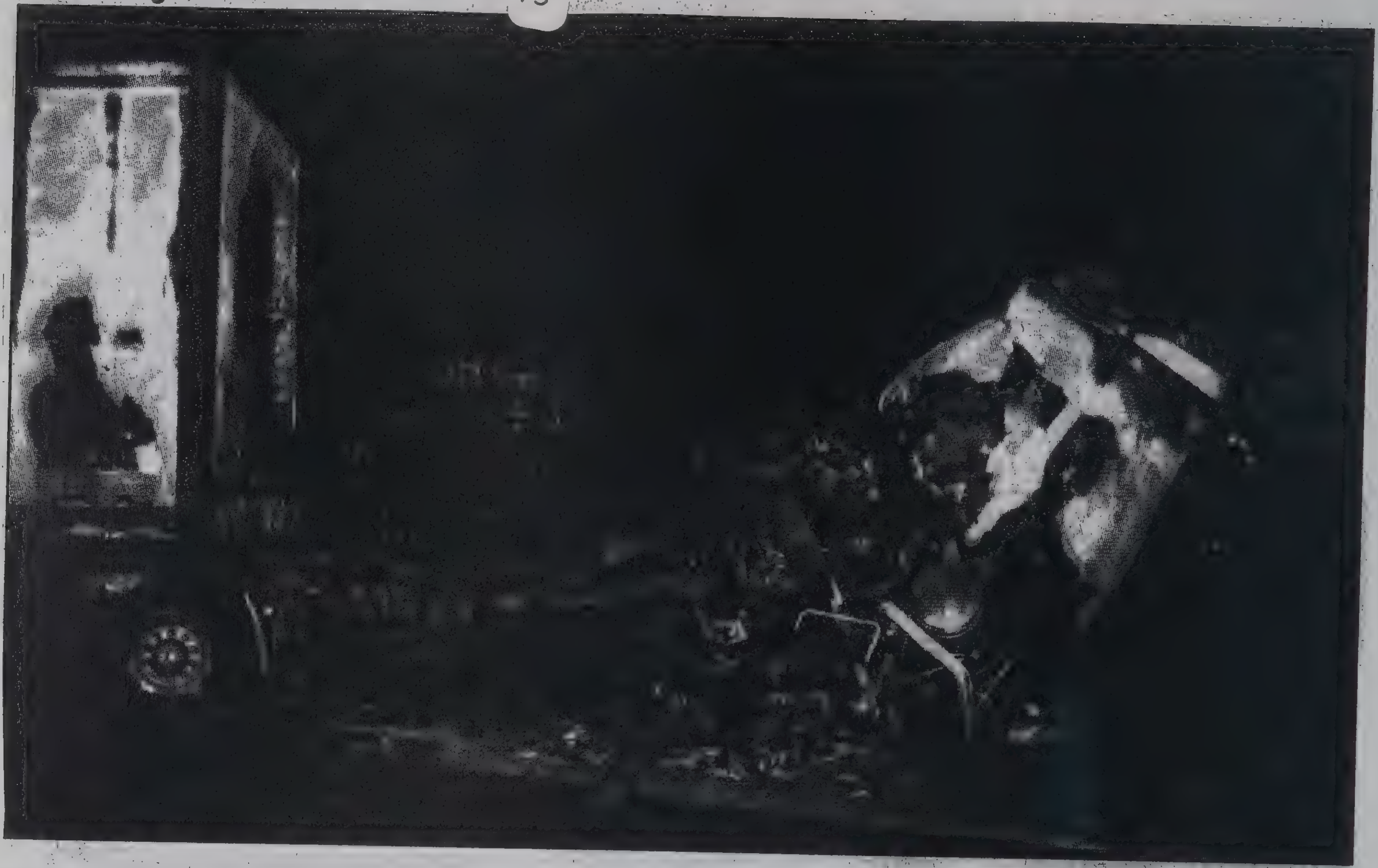

MAGGIE SHEPARD

Three young Elkhart County brothers were killed when the minivan they were occupants of crossed left of center and struck a semi head-on Saturday at 4:56 p.m. on U.S. 20, just west of C.R. 400E. The minivan and semi burst into flames, leaving only charred wreckage. The semi driver was not injured.

Dean J. Heltzel

ALBION — Dean J. Heltzel, 87, of Albion, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at the Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Heltzel was born July 8, 1917, in Noble County where he lived his entire life. He was a farmer who also worked in the kitchen at the Central Noble School Corp. and as a contractor for Wells Brothers Construction. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Albion.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jefferson and Belle (Palmer) Heltzel; his wife, Malee Engle; and three sisters and one brother.

Services will be on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiating.

Calling will be Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion.

Burial will be at Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Mr. Nodine loved the western U.S.

BY JAMIE LEMKE-BARRAND
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ANGOLA — Right up until he passed away on Tuesday, Melvin "Bud" Nodine, 73, was preparing to take his yearly trip out West.

"He loved to travel," said Mr. Nodine's oldest son, Mark. "He had friends all over the United States, and some he met in Canada in the 1950s. Those people he met in Canada ... they were really good friends. We got to be friends with their kids. In fact, they're here right now."

The Nodines had also done some traveling in Mexico. Mr. Nodine's favorite place to go, though, Mark said, was the western United States.

"He was a treasure hunter, and he was into the ghost towns and that kind of things," Mark said. "Even up until his last days, he was working on his pickup truck and his camper so he could make his trips out west."

Mark said his father was likable, and that he made friends wherever he went.

"He was talkative," Mark said. "He liked to sit around the tables at Tom's Donuts."

Mark said in going through their father's belongings, he and his younger brother, Matt, have discovered their father had friends they never even knew about.

"There are all these old newspaper clippings ... obituaries and things ... and letters from all over the country," he said. "He had just been everywhere."

Mr. Nodine died after fighting esophageal cancer for a year. He was also battling emphysema.

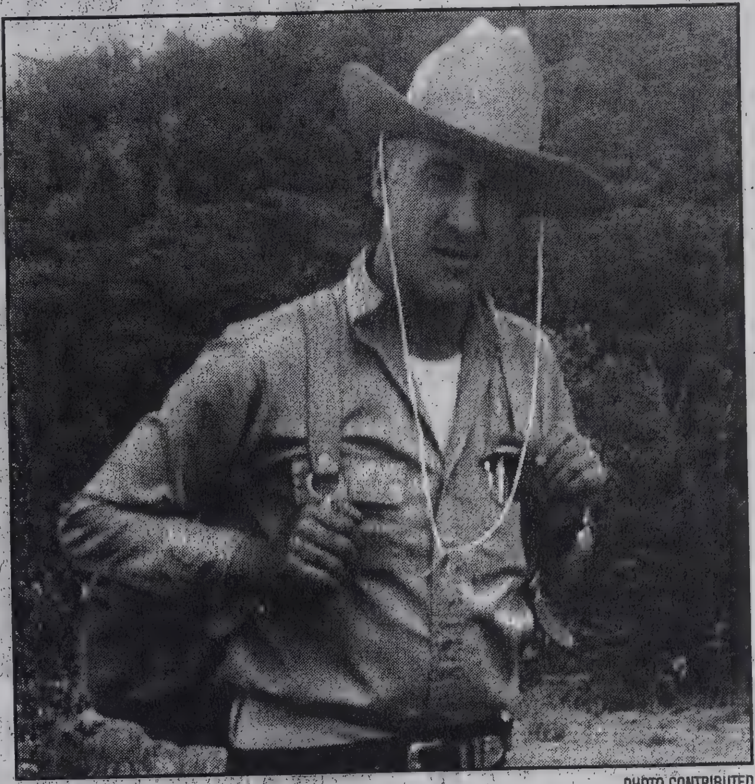
"The chemotherapy for the cancer weakened him, and he just never came back from it," Mark said. "He lost a lot of weight. When the cancer returned, surgery or more chemotherapy weren't options. He did the best he could, and all the doctors did the best they could."

He was a veteran of the Korean War, and loved antique planes and cars. He was a member of the Hoosier War Birds and Angola American Legion Post No. 31.

In his last years, Mr. Nodine drove the trolley for the Prime Outlets at Fremont. It was a job he loved.

"He was always energetic and had a smile, and he did a fabulous job for us," said Anita Hickman, administrative assistant at Prime Outlets. "I've been here for about eight years, and I think I worked with Mel for six or seven of those years. I was very bothered by his passing."

Hickman said people were always appreciative of Mr. Nodine's courtesy.



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Melvin "Bud" Nodine had friends all over the United States and traveled to the West every year.

"I've had a lot of customers comment about how friendly and helpful he was," she said.

Hickman said one of the highlights of Mr. Nodine's year was driving the trolley in the annual Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg parade in Auburn.

"His father had worked at the plant, and he would always see people who had known him," Hickman said.

For all his travels and the many friends he made in his lifetime, Mr. Nodine's heart was still mostly with his family.

"He really enjoyed his grandchildren," Mark said. "I think he wanted to move West at one point, but knowing us boys and our kids would be here, he stayed. He never missed a weekend out here when I had my kids with me."

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Fatal crash victims identified

Brothers had been helping their father mow grandfather's lawn

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LAGRANGE — Tragedy has a name as police have identified three Elkhart brothers ages 17, 14, and 12 killed Saturday when their minivan crashed into a semi east of LaGrange.

Aaron R. Ginther, 17, Adam J. Ginther, 14, and Allen T. Ginther, 12, were pronounced dead at the scene from blunt force trauma, according to the Indiana State Police. The fire that consumed the minivan and the semi truck was not a factor in their deaths, police said.

Truck driver Alexander Zeldman, 54, of Howell, Mich., was not injured when the minivan, for unknown reasons, crossed into his semi's path as he drove east on U.S. 20 near C.R. 400E around 5 p.m. The vehicles collided head-on and burst into flames, according to police. Zeldman climbed out of the passenger door of his truck to escape the flames.

The Ginther boys were returning from helping their father, Tim Ginther, mow their grandfather's lawn in LaGrange County, according to reports from The Elkhart Truth. Tim Ginther was driving about 15 minutes behind his sons and was to meet them for dinner in LaGrange. He was routed around the accident scene and was later notified of the loss of three of his four children.

Tim Ginther and his wife, Jennifer, also have a daughter. They reside in Elkhart. The Elkhart Truth reports that the Ginther boys were active in River Oaks Community Church and sports and academics at their schools.

Emergency and fire response crews from LaGrange, Shipshewana, Mongo and the LaGrange County Sheriff's Department responded to the accident. Police and wreckers spent 12 hours blocking off and clearing the scene along U.S. 20.

Funeral services for the boys were pending this morning at Stemm, Lawson and Paterson Funeral Home in Elkhart.

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Walter McConnell

SHIPSHEWANA — Walter C. McConnell, 86, of Shipshewana died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, in LaGrange Community Hospital, LaGrange.

Mr. McConnell was retired from the City of Chicago Bureau of Equipment, and had moved from Chicago to LaGrange County in 1990.

He was a veteran of World War II in the Army Air Corps, and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

On July 16, 1918, in Chicago, he was born to Charles and Evelyn (Hughes) McConnell. He married Marian V. Anderson on Sept. 26, 1942, in Glendale, Calif. She preceded him in death on July 9, 1994.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Beverly and Scott Anderson of Midlothian, Va., and Janet and James Nicholson of Bloomingdale, Ill.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

His parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Graveside military services will be conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Paul Koble

FORT WAYNE — Paul E. Koble, 70, of Fort Wayne died Sunday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was retired from Dana Corp., where he had worked 42 years. He was a member of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; three sons, Paul R. Koble of Garrett, and James Koble and Steven Koble, both of Fort Wayne; three daughters, Becky Wolff of Fort Wayne, Lori Longs of Constantine, Mich., and Lisa Hein of Waterloo; two sisters; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with calling from 2 to 6 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

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'God is going to make good out of this'

Family dealing with loss of three sons in U.S. 20 fatal crash

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LAGRANGE — It is almost past bearing — the gaping hole left by the sudden loss of three sons and the questions that aren't answered about what led to their deaths.

The Ginther family may never know what caused a minivan, driven by 17-year-old Aaron Ginther and carrying his two younger brothers, to cross the center line of U.S. 20 and hit a semi head-on Saturday near LaGrange, killing all three. But why it happened is a question the Ginther family is sure there is an answer to.

Somehow, they are saying, God will turn this tragedy into good.

The Ginther brothers, Aaron, Adam, 14, and Allen, 12, were killed Saturday just before 5 p.m. while heading to LaGrange to go to McDonald's after having helped their father, Tim Ginther, mow their grandfather's farm field in Steuben County. Usually, only one of the boys would join Tim on the once-a-year chore, but this day, all three joined him.

The loss is devastating.

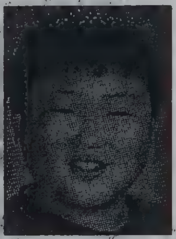
"To lose one would have been bad enough," the boys' grandmother, Mary Ginther of Elkhart, said. "But losing three? I don't know what they (the parents) are going to do to fill that hole."

The boys' parents, Tim and Jennifer, are seeing their eldest, and now only child, off to her first year of college this fall at Purdue.

Aaron would have been a senior and Adam a freshman at Memorial High School in Elkhart. Both boys were active in school and well liked, Mary said. Aaron had just gotten a new car the week before to replace his old junky car, Mary said.

Aaron Ginther

Adam Ginther


Allen Ginther

"He told his dad, 'This is the happiest summer I've had'," Mary said.

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SONS: *Memorial fund may be established for charity*

The youngest, Allen, had just gotten his first football jersey and was ready to play. "He was excited about that," Mary said. He would have been a seventh-grader at West Side Middle School in Elkhart.

"They were good kids. No one had a bad thing to say about them," Mary said, noting that even the boys' school counselors have visited the family in tears.

The family is taking solace in their belief that since the boys had become committed Christians before they died, that they are in heaven.

"Jennifer (the boys' mother) has said, 'Mom, they had all accepted Christ, so I know they are in heaven. God is going to make good out of this'," Mary said.

Mary and her husband, Richard, adopted Tim from Korea when he was 2 years old. Through their lives they have adopted eight Korean children, one Romanian child and one American child. They are still raising two of them who were near the ages of Aaron and Adam.

Their kids, Mary said, just didn't want to believe the news at first, but are dealing with the tragedy well.

Jennifer was also a Korean orphan, but she wasn't adopted until she was 8 years old, a detail that Mary thinks might have contributed to the close-knit family she created with her own children.

"She just hung onto them so closely. Now to lose her own sons …" Mary said.

Mary said that all of the family has been getting "many, many calls" and food, though they don't have much of an appetite, and are feeling very supported.

Still, they want to know what exactly happened before the crash.

"Was he trying to pass, impatient? Were they squabbling? We just don't know," Mary said.

Police have not been able to explain what happened either, but the uninjured truck driver, Alexander Zeldman, 54, of Howell, Mich., and another witness said the minivan just crossed into the opposite lane. Skid marks at the scene indicate that Zeldman attempted to stop before the impact.

Whatever caused the crash doesn't really matter, though, to Mary. What matters is that some good comes out of it.

She hopes that "when the funeral comes, that the preacher can reach some of (the boys' friends, team and schoolmates."

"Because the boys had accepted Christ, but not all of (their friends) have. And you never know if you have one hour, or a day …," Mary said.

No memorial fund has been established for the children, but Mary said after the initial chaos clears she would like to see one set up at the schools, the boys' church, River Oaks Community Church in Elkhart, or Tim and Jennifer's childhood adoption agency. Mary said she would share further information if or when a fund is established.

Donald Mikkelson

CHINO VALLEY, Ariz. — Word has been received on the death of former Orland resident Donald G. Mikkelson, 82, of Chino Valley, Ariz., who died Monday, July 12, 2004.

Surviving are his wife, Torance Mikkelson of Chino Valley; three sons, Fred Mikkelson of Chino Valley, Ron Mikkelson of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Rick Mikkelson of Litchfield Park, Ariz.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were Thursday, July 15 at 10 a.m. at the Chino Valley United Methodist Church. Heritage Memory Mortuary of Prescott was in charge of arrangements.

Henrietta Watkins

BRONSON, Mich. — Henrietta E. Watkins, 93, of Bronson, Mich., died Sunday, Aug. 15.

Mrs. Watkins was born Aug. 4, 1911, in Monroe, Mich., to Ed and Hazel (Blair) Vogel. She was married to Howard L. Watkins, who preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1999.

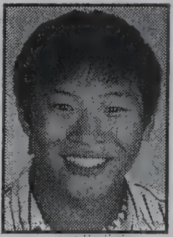
She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two granddaughters, Denise Slentz of Bronson and Deb Whitaker of Angola; seven great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

No services or calling will be held. Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Toledo, Ohio. Arrangements are being handled by Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Aaron Ginther

ELKHART — Aaron R. Ginther, 17, of Elkhart died at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, from injuries sustained in a LaGrange County traffic accident on U.S. 20.


Aaron Ginther

He was a senior honor roll student at Elkhart Memorial High School in Elkhart where he was also a varsity starter on the soccer team, and a member of the Postponing Sexual Involvement (PSI) Group. His interests included paintball and cars. He was born on April 20, 1987, in Elkhart, to Timothy and Jennifer S. (Bettencourt) Ginther of Elkhart. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Amy Ginther of Elkhart; maternal grandparents, Joe and Claire Bettencourt of Hemiston, Ore.; and paternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Ginther of Elkhart.

His brothers, Adam J. Ginther and Allen T. Ginther, were also killed in the accident.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at River Oaks Community Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Tim Rowland of the church officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Elkhart. Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 58020 C.R. 115, Goshen.

Memorials are to the River Oaks Community Church Building Fund. Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Adam Ginther

ELKHART — Adam J. Ginther, 14, of Elkhart died at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident in LaGrange County on U.S. 20.

Adam Ginther

He was a freshman at Elkhart Memorial High School where he was an honor student and junior varsity captain of the soccer team. In middle school he participated in football, track and basketball. His interests included paintball and cars.

On Oct. 12, 1989, in Elkhart, he was born to Timothy K. and Jennifer S. (Bettencourt) Ginther. They survive. Also surviving are a sister, Amy Ginther of Elkhart; maternal grandparents, Joe and Claire Bettencourt of Hemiston, Ore.; and paternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Ginther of Elkhart.

His brothers, Aaron R. Ginther and Allen T. Ginther, were also killed in the accident.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at River Oaks Community Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Tim Rowland of the church officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Elkhart. Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 58020 C.R. 115, Goshen.

Memorials are to the River Oaks Community Church Building Fund. Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Ronald Pataky

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Ronald Joseph Pataky, 65, died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

Mr. Pataky

Born in Monterville, W.Va., and formerly of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mr. Pataky was an owner/ operator with Quality Drive Away in Goshen. He also had owned a Shell gasoline station in Lansing, Mich., had served as an officer with the Ingham County Parks Police Department and had managed several restaurants in Michigan. Mr. Pataky was a U.S. Army veteran. He had served in Korea as a forward observer and at Fort Riley, Kan., in the Military Police Big Red One Division. He also served on the 5th Army Pistol Team.

Mr. Pataky was an avid reader and a proud grandfather.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Joseph and Julie Seburg of Schoolcraft, Mich., William T. and Kathleen Pataky of Kalispell, Mont., and Scott A. and Cindy Holzwart of Elkton, Mich., and Stephanie A. Collins of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arthur and Ann Warner of Columbia, S.C.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra S. and Al Phillips of Portage, Mich., and Sharon J. and Bud Warner of Defiance, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda A. Pataky, in 2002, and his parents, Joseph and Beatrice Pataky.

Graveside services will be Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749. McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

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Brenda Wilson

LIGONIER — Brenda Kay Wilson, 51, of Ligonier died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Wilson

She was a lifetime Noble County resident and a housekeeper at Avalon Village Healthcare Center. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God, Ligonier, and enjoyed puzzle books, fishing and her pets, especially her dog Cricket. On May 1, 1953, she was born to Douglas and Kay (Taylor) Shearer. Her mother survives. She married Paul E. Wilson in 1981 in Cromwell. He preceded her in death in 2001.

Surviving in addition to her mother are a son, Tony Wilson of Ligonier; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Cheri Shearer, Mitchell and Linda Shearer and Mark and Kimberly Shearer, all of Ligonier, and Martin and Kathy Shearer of Goshen; and a sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Oscar Jackson of Cromwell.

Her father also preceded her in death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or American Lung Association.

Pauline Curie

KENDALLVILLE — Pauline W. Curie, 86, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Genevieve Knerr

DECATUR — Former Pleasant Lake resident Genevieve L. Knerr, 89, of Decatur died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at Adams County Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Knerr was born Jan. 29, 1915, in Putnam County, Ohio, to John A. and Almira O. (Bair) Troyer. She was married to Frederick D. Knerr on Dec. 22, 1937. He died on June 30, 1991.

She was a homemaker and a member of Hudson United Brethren Church.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Harriet and Charles Sterrett of Frostburg, Md. and Linda and Rene Brown of Decatur; a sister, Mazie Fruchey of Reading, Mich.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, six sisters and a foster sister.

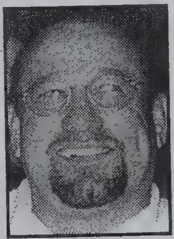
Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hudson United Brethren Church, with the Rev. Jerry Webb and the Rev. Craig Burkholder officiating. Calling will be today from 4 to 9 p.m. at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home, Decatur, and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery, Reading.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church or Gideons.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with revised information about surviving relatives.*

Kevin Kreischer

St. JOE — Kevin R. Kreischer, 49, of St. Joe died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in a farming accident near C.R. 51 and C.R. 60 in DeKalb County.


Mr. Kreischer

Mr. Kreischer was a lifetime farmer in Concord Township and was a school bus driver for the DeKalb Eastern school district for eight years.

He was a member of the Concord United Methodist Church, a 22-year member and former chief of the Concord Township Fire Department and a member of the Concord Township Advisory Board.

He was born Dec. 14, 1954, in Fort Wayne, to Raymond and Dorothy (Wells) Kreischer. They preceded him in death. He married Renee Funk on June 1, 1974, in the Concord United Methodist Church. She survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Karla Kreischer of St. Joe; a daughter and son-in-law, Kelly and Derek Brown of Butler; two brothers, Keith Kreischer of Corunna and Kim Kreischer of Auburn; and a granddaughter, Lauren Brown.

He was preceded in death by a half-brother, Ronnie Kreischer.

Services were Saturday at Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo, with the Rev. Christopher Mongson officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn. Memorials are to the Concord United Methodist Church or the Concord Township Fire Department.

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Allen Ginther

ELKHART — Allen T. Ginther, 12, of Elkhart died at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 2004, from injuries sustained in a traffic accident in LaGrange County on U.S. 20.

Allen Ginther

He was a seventh-grader at Westside Junior High School in Elkhart where he was active in football. He was the October 2003 Student of the Month at Mary Daly Elementary School and an honor roll student.

He was born Jan. 29, 1992, in Elkhart to Timothy K. and Jennifer S. (Bettencourt) Ginther, Elkhart. They survive.

Also surviving are a sister, Amy Ginther of Elkhart; maternal grandparents, Joe and Claire Bettencourt of Hemiston, Ore.; and paternal grandparents, Richard and Mary Ginther of Elkhart.

His brothers, Aaron R. Ginther and Adam J. Ginther, were also killed in the accident.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at River Oaks Community Church, Goshen, with the Rev. Tim Rowland, of the church, officiating. Burial will be in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Elkhart. Calling will be 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the church, 58020 C.R. 115, Goshen.

Memorials are to the River Oaks Community Church Building Fund. Stemm-Lawson-Peterson Funeral Home, Elkhart, is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Koch

AUBURN — Helen L. Koch, 91, of Auburn died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Koch was a homemaker. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn and Harvest House.

Mrs. Koch

She was born Feb. 3, 1913, in Avilla to William and Emma L. (Deuitch) Vogeding. They preceded her in death.

She married Karl B. Koch on Aug. 30, 1937, in Chicago. He died March 1, 1984.

Surviving are her cousins and their spouses, Norbert Deuitch of Garrett, Jack and Lila Deuitch of LaPorte, William and Agnes Woenker of Pierceton, and Mary and Norbert Herber of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Geraldine Kaiser and Delores E. Abbott.

Services will be Friday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Chuck Herman officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Friday in Assumption Cemetery at Glenwood, Ill.

Calling will be Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. A rosary service will take place Thursday at 8 p.m. in the funeral home. Memorials are to the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Helen Zimmerman

MESA, Ariz. — Helen B. Zimmerman, 60, of Mesa, Ariz., died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in Mesa.

She was born June 24, 1944, in Auburn to Lillian (Garrison) and Russel Ridenour. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are two daughters, Cinda Amrozowicz and Terry Mayo, both of Arizona; two sons, John Holloway and Tim Zimmerman, both of Arizona; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and her former husband, Dave Zimmerman, of Mesa.

Services were Saturday at the Ahwatuku Assembly of God Church in Phoenix.

Memorials are to the Children's Clothes Closet in care of the Ahwatuku Assembly of God, 11832 S. Warner-Elliott Loop, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Willis Gerver

WAWAKA — Willis "Bill" Lloyd Gerver, 77, of Wawaka died at 3 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Gerver

He was a farmer and had lived most of his life in the Wawaka area.

Mr. Gerver graduated from Wawaka High School in 1944, and was a paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific theater during World War II.

On Aug. 25, 1926, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Lloyd and Tressa (Weaver) Gerver. He married Mary Weber on Dec. 26, 1948, in Cosperville. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 2002.

He was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church, a trustee of the church, a member of the Farm Bureau Co-Op Board of Directors, former post commander of the Wawaka American Legion Post, and a member of the Albion American Legion Post. He enjoyed reading, history, attending steam engine meets, and watching sports, especially Chicago Cubs baseball and University of Notre Dame and Purdue University teams.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Karen Gerver of Mishawaka, and Kent and Sandy Gerver of Wawaka; two daughters and a son-in-law and fiance, Linda and Carl Coffman of Kimmell, and Jan Knight and her fiance Mark Woodworth of Wawaka; a cousin, Mary Jane Garrett of Palm Springs, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Cosperville Baptist Church with the Rev. James Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military services.

Calling will be 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

Edwin Ross

FORT WAYNE — Edwin Don Ross, 77, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at his home.

A native of Garrett, he was a Fort Wayne firefighter, retiring in 1992 after 32 years of service. He had served with the U.S. Army military police in World War II and was a member of American Legion Post 82.

Mr. Ross enjoyed fishing, reading and gardening.

Surviving are five daughters, Donna L. Krebs, Carol Pickles, Susan Frye and Sharon Ross, all of Fort Wayne, and Jeanne Kuczyk of Scottsdale, Ariz.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Ellen Soloman of Auburn and Helen Wood of Waterloo.

His wife, Irene, preceded him in death in October 2003.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with burial at Highland Park Cemetery. American Legion Post 82 will conduct graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County.

Pauline Curie

KENDALLVILLE — Pauline W. Curie, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she resided the past six years.

Mrs. Curie was an operator with Bell Telephone Co. and General Telephone before retiring in 1978. She belonged to the Telephone Pioneers of America and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Born in Kendallville on April 2, 1918, she was the daughter of Archie E. and Cora E. (Leiberenz) Wright. She married Keith Curie on April 26, 1964, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1999.

Surviving are a sister, Stella Rhea of Avilla; five nieces and four of their spouses, Diana Harold Leising and Rosetta and Teddy Owens, all of Rushville, Louise and Malcolm Maze of McCormick, S.C., Millie and Dan Moody of Garrett and Sylvia Driver of Fort Wayne; and two nephews and their spouses, Bill and Sharron Wright of Springfield, Ohio, and David and Jane Rhea of Kendallville.

In addition to her husband and parents, a brother, Archie "Teddy" Wright, a sister, Opal Lower, and two nephews, Edward Wright and Ronnie Lower, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Thomas Novy officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be 6 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home and one hour prior to the services.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, St. Claire and St. Francis Halls.

Condolences may be sent to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Barbara Buckles

GARRETT — Barbara Ann Eikenberry Buckles, 83, formerly of Garrett died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo after a short illness.

Mrs. Buckles

Mrs. Buckles was a well-known educator in DeKalb County. She was a graduate of St. Francis College and Indiana University.

For 40 years, Mrs. Buckles and her family lived southwest of Garrett, where they owned and operated Buckles' Antiques.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Buckles emphasized a commitment to reading and a love of books. She taught elementary school in the Auburn and Garrett schools. As the librarian at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett, she conducted children's reading programs and presented numerous book reviews and book fairs.

Mrs. Buckles was a 55-year member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett. In the 1950s, she introduced the Welcome Wagon newcomers organization to Garrett. She was an active member of the Psi Iota Xi sorority and the Retired Teachers Association, served as a Girl Scout leader and worked for the DeKalb County Advertiser.

After retiring from the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school corporation, Mrs. Buckles established a comprehensive library for the First Church of Christ in Garrett. For five years, she oversaw the collection, cataloging and circulation of a library totaling nearly 1,000 volumes, including periodicals, books on tape and video series dealing with both Biblical subjects and current events. She considered that her greatest achievement was the frequent use of the library by young and old alike and that she could gather and provide reference information upon request.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, O. Jon Buckles; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donnadee and R.J. Hohimer of Fort Myers, Fla., Kathalee and Toby Refner of Auburn, Debbie and John Shelby of Phoenix, and Teresa and Chris Barnard of Petaluma, Calif.; eight grandchildren and four great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.B. and Madeline Eikenberry of Mexico, Ind., and an infant great-granddaughter, Baylee Miller.

Services will be Saturday at 1 p.m. in Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Calling will be Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Cedars Retirement Home of Leo or Heartland Home Health and Hospice of Fort Wayne.

James Stahn

FREMONT — James A. Stahn, 85, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004.

Mr. Stahn was born Jan. 14, 1919.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Herbert Beekman

LAGRANGE — Herbert A. Beekman, 87, of Wolcottville died at 7:45 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home, LaGrange.

Mr. Beekman was a semi truck driver for Shippers Dispatch, and belonged to the Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F&A.M. in LaGrange and the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

On Nov. 14, 1916, in Summittville, he was born to Charles Francis and Torrence (Bush) Beekman. He married Harriet McConnell in Nappanee on Jan. 15, 1941. She preceded him in death in 1999.

Surviving are a daughter, Susan Elizabeth Pugh of Inverness, Fla.; a niece, Gloria Buckles of Hudson; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildreen; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death, in addition to his wife and parents, was a daughter, Michell Beekman, in 1993.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will held at a later date.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

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Joe Rhodes, Jr.

AVILLA — Joe Rhodes Jr., 80, of Avilla died Monday, August 9, 2004, in Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. Rhodes had been an Avilla resident since 1969, moving there from Lake of the Woods.

He had retired in 1986 after 20 years of service at Dana Corp. in Auburn.

Mr. Rhodes was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge. He was a lifetime member of the Garrett American Legion Post.

He was a member of the Lighthouse Assembly of God in Garrett.

Mr. Rhodes enjoyed hunting, especially raccoon hunting.

He was born July 10, 1924, in Stockport, Ohio, the son of Joe Sr. and Julie (McComas) Rhodes. On April 23, 1963, in Tennessee he married Floetta Maxine Bright. She survives.

Also surviving are seven daughters and sons-in-law, Myrtle and Ron Garrison of Angola, Hazel and Terrell Golden of Pratville, Ala., Julie and James Peeples of Findlay, Ohio, Margaret and Doug Ashenfelter of Garrett, Connie and Craig Ball of Avilla, Louella and Rex Garringer of Ardmore, Okla., and Floetta and Byron Graves of Avilla; four sons and a daughter-in-law, Damon Rhodes of Panama City, Fla., Greg Rhodes of Panama City, Danny Rhodes of Fort Wayne and Wesley and Alissa Rhodes of Avilla; three sisters, Maxine Olds of Waterloo, Margaret Terry of Hicksville, Ohio, and Betty Kurtman of Auburn; 34 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Charles Max Rhodes and James Rhodes, and a sister, Louella Strock.

Services were held Saturday, August 14, 2004, at Lighthouse Assembly of God, Garrett, with the Rev. Kevin D. Bodey officiating. Burial with military services by Avilla American Legion Post 240 was in Christian Union Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to Miller's Merry Manor at Garrett or the church.

THANK YOU

The Family of Ben Konger wishes to offer our sincere thanks to our friends, family and the community for its acts of kindness, from bringing in food, helping with the many things to be done, your generous donations to the Horse & Pony and Wrestling Teams, Masses, or just being our friends during this difficult time of the loss of our son and brother. Your kindness will not be forgotten. Keep Ben and the rest of us in your prayers.

The Konger Family
Mike, Beth, Luke & Jessica

Virginia Demke

ALBION — Virginia P. Demke, 57, of Albion died Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Demke owned a day care center and had worked at Ethan Allen Furniture.

She enjoyed crocheting and fishing.

She was born Jan. 17, 1947, in Chicago, Ill., to Ervin and Mary (Strope) Haske. They are deceased.

Surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Paul and JoAnn Demke of Brooklyn Park, Minn., and Eric Demke of Glendale Heights, Ill.; five grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Haske.

Services were held Saturday, August 14, 2004, at Orr Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Lane Burgland officiating.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

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Dean Heltzel

ALBION — Dean J. Heltzel, 87, of Albion, died Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, at the Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Heltzel was born July 8, 1917, in Noble County where he lived his entire life. He was a farmer who also worked in the kitchen at the Central Noble School Corp. and as a contractor for Wells Brothers Construction. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion and the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Albion.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jefferson and Belle (Palmer) Heltzel; his wife, Malee Engle; and three sisters and one brother.

Services were held Tuesday, August 17, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home in Albion with Revs. Austin and Nancy Fergusson officiating.

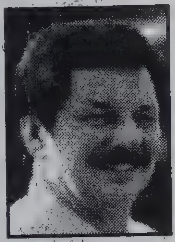
Burial was in Wolf Lake Cemetery.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with additional information.*

Ronald Pataky

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald Joseph Pataky, 65, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2004, in Flagstaff, Ariz.



Mr. Pataky

Born in Monterville, W.Va., and formerly a resident of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mr. Pataky was an owner-operator with Quality Drive Away in Goshen.

He also had owned a Shell gasoline station in Lansing, Mich., had served as an officer with the Ingham County Parks Police Department and had managed several restaurants in Michigan.

Mr. Pataky was a U.S. Army veteran. He had served in Korea as a forward observer and at Fort Riley, Kan., in the Military Police Big Red One Division. He also served on the 5th Army Pistol Team.

Mr. Pataky was an avid reader and a proud grandfather.

He is survived by his children and their spouses, Joseph and Julie Seburg of Schoolcraft, Mich., William T. and Kathleen Pataky of Kalispell, Mont., and Scott A. and Cindy Holzwart of Elkton, Mich., and Stephanie A. Collins of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arthur and Ann Warner of Columbia, S.C.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Sandra S. and Al Phillips of Portage, Mich., and Sharon J. and Bud Warner of Defiance, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Linda A. Pataky, in 2002, and his parents, Joseph and Beatrice Pataky.

Graveside services were conducted Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett, with military graveside rites by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2749.

McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home of Auburn handled arrangements.

Henrietta Watkins

BRONSON, Mich. — Henrietta E. Watkins, 93, of Bronson, Mich., died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Community Health Center of Branch County, Coldwater, Mich.

On Aug. 4, 1911, in Monroe, Mich., she was born to Ed and Hazel (Blair) Vogel. She married Howard L. Watkins. He preceded her in death on Feb. 22, 1999.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are two granddaughters, Denise Slentz of Bronson, and Deb Whitaker of Angola; seven great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

No services or visitation are scheduled.

Burial will be in Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Toledo, Ohio.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

Edward Kelker

FORT WAYNE — Edward Glenn Kelker, 89, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at St. Anne Home.

A Fort Wayne native, he was a 38-year letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 1974. He had also worked in the Allen County Clerk's office for 17 years, retiring in 1993.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Jude Catholic Church.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Ronald Barnes of Auburn; five sons and four daughters-in-law, Michael and Margo Kelker of Basking Ridge, N.J., Thomas and Gloria Kelker, James and Marilyn Kelker and Edward and Michelle Kelker, all of Fort Wayne, and David Kelker of Boulder, Colo.; 14 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Maxine E. Kelker, in 1972; second wife, Doris I. Kelker in 1988; and third wife, Eleanor Kelker, in 1999.

Services will be Saturday at 10 a.m. in St. Jude Catholic church, East State Boulevard at Randalia Drive, with calling one hour before the service. Burial will be at Catholic Cemetery.

Additional calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road. A vigil service will begin at 4:30 p.m. Friday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to St. Jude Catholic Church.

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James Stahn

FREMONT — James A. Stahn, 85, of Fremont died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Stahn was born Jan. 14, 1919, in Fort Wayne, to Curt and Eva (Elder) Stahn. He was married to Reba June Close, who preceded him in death on Nov. 13, 1993.

He was a retired mechanical engineer, and had worked at Hopkins Volcanic Heater in Alliance, Ohio. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran. He had lived in California, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio. He retired and moved to Steuben County in 1984.

He was a graduate of Purdue University, and held a bachelor's degree in engineering. He was also a graduate of the University of California at Berkley with a master's degree in heat transfer.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Sandra and Thomas Seabold of Bay Village, Ohio and Cynthia Stahn of Maumee, Ohio; two sons, James W. Stahn of Holland, Mich. and Richard C. Stahn of Grand Canyon, Ariz.; a sister, Joy Alpaugh of Cincinnati, Ohio; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Jon Bruney officiating. There will be no calling.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association or the American Heart Association.

Lenita Gondos

FORT WAYNE — Lenita E. (Pippenger) (Holston) Gondos, 83, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Albion, died at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at her residence following an extended illness.

Mrs. Gondos

She moved to Fort Wayne from Albion in 1957.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed making and giving gifts of candy at Christmas and growing roses.

Born July 10, 1921, in Green Center, Noble County, she was the daughter of Wilbert F. and Laura I. (Diffendafer) Pippenger. She married Ernest D. Holston in 1940. He died on Aug. 23, 1961. She then married Leslie Gondos on July 7, 1969. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Terry L. Holston of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Leslie Gondos Jr. of California; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Rita and Brian Smith-Nehrig of Indianapolis, Mary and Brian Herhily of Mesa, Ariz., and Gabriella Rousseau of Beaufort, N.C., a sister, Ilene Owen of Kimmell, four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Terry L. Zolman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Hospice.

Condolences may be e-mailed to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Earl Holton

KENDALLVILLE — Earl T. Holton, 76, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004 at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Holton

He was a veteran of the Korean War from 1950-1952 and attained the rank of sergeant 1st class in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Holton was employed by the state of Tennessee for 38 years as an accountant and auditor before retiring July 1, 1990. He was a member of the Harbor of Love Baptist Church and served as a deacon in the church.

In Rockville, Tenn., on May 24, 1928, he was born to Lee and Sallie (Taylor) Holton. He married Wanda Charlotte Simmons on Dec. 19, 1953, in Nashville, Tenn. She survives. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last December.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Michael and Judy Holton of rural Kendallville; two sisters, Florene Hartbarger of Knoxville, Tenn., and Betty Hatcher of Nashville, Tenn.; two grandsons, Nathaniel and James Holton, both of rural Kendallville; and a father-in-law, Cluster Simmons of Avilla.

A sister, Mildred Insel, two brothers, Leon and Wallace Holton, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ChristCare Free Clinic or Harbor of Love Building Fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Helen Zimmerman

MESA, Ariz. — Helen B. Zimmerman, 60, of Mesa, Ariz., died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2004, in Mesa due to lung cancer.

Mrs. Zimmerman

She was born June 24, 1944, in Auburn to Lillian (Garrison) and Russel Ridenour. They preceded her in death along with one brother, James D. Ridenour.

Surviving are two daughters, Cinda Amrozowicz and Terry Mayo, both of Arizona; two sons, John Holloway and Tim Zimmerman, both of Arizona; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild; her former husband, Dave Zimmerman, of Mesa; two sisters, Dorothy Hicks of Brimfield and Delores Porter of Angola; and a brother, Charles Ridenour of Hillsdale, Mich.

Services were Saturday at the Ahwatuku Assembly of God Church in Phoenix.

Memorials are to the Children's Clothes Closet in care of the Ahwatuku Assembly of God, 11832 S. Warner-Elliott Loop, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Effie Crager

HUEYSVILLE, Ky. — Effie Crager, 92, of Hueysville, Ky., died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, in Riverview Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, Ky.

Mrs. Crager was a homemaker and member of the Salt Lick Community Church in Hueysville.

On July 24, 1912, she was born in Magoffin County to Willie and Martha (Howard) Shepherd. She married Jimmy Crager, who preceded her in death.

Surviving are four sons, Herman Crager of Corunna, Ind., and Norman, Vernon and Cletis Crager, all of Hueysville; two daughters, Marie Hicks of Kendallville, Ind., and Ruth Wallace of Hueysville; three sisters, Ruby Gayheart of Prestonsburg, and Marie Conley and Sally Salisbury, both of Hueysville; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to her husband and parents, a son, Estill Crager, a brother, John Estill Shepherd, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren preceded her in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Sterlin Bolen, Carlos Beverly and Dolvin Ratliff officiating. Burial will be in the Crager family cemetery on Raccoon Creek, Hueysville.

Hall Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., is in charge of arrangements.

Raymond Hobbs

LIGONIER — Raymond Hobbs, 88, of rural Ligonier died at 12:45 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident, a farmer and carpenter. He was a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church, and enjoyed farming, gospel music and was always ready to offer his helping hands.

On Oct. 2, 1915, in Noble County, he was born to Clifford C. and Mae M. (Pierce) Hobbs. He married Ada Kring on Dec. 9, 1936, in Ligonier. She survives.

Surviving in addition to his wife are a daughter and son-in-law, Rita D. and Art Strong of Kenosha, Wis.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

A son, Larry D. Hobbs, a sister, Inez Beach and his parents preceded him in death.

Graveside services will be Saturday at noon at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating.

Calling will be Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to Crosswalk Building Fund, in care of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

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Jane Hyder

CROMWELL — Jane J. Hyder, 58, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at her residence.

She had lived in Cromwell for 32 years, having moved from Marion. She worked in production at Union Products in Cromwell and enjoyed fishing, cooking and crocheting.

In Marion on May 5, 1946, she was born to Farris and Gertrude (Harrell) Holcom.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Nelson L. and Tami Correll Jr. of Cromwell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lynn Woodworth, Trudy McVoy and Moni and Robert Rivera, all of Cromwell; two brothers, Jim Holcom of Warsaw, and Ray Christman of Cromwell; two sisters, Rosetta Jennes of Oregon, and Portia Swininger of Montana; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Trinity Assembly of God Church, Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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Willis Gerver

WAWAKA — Willis "Bill" Lloyd Gerver, 77, of Wawaka died at 3 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at his residence.

Mr. Gerver

He was a farmer and had lived most of his life in the Wawaka area.

Mr. Gerver graduated from Wawaka High School in 1944, and was a paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific theater during World War II.

On Aug. 25, 1926, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Lloyd and Tressa (Weaver) Gerver. He married Mary Weber on Dec. 26, 1948, in Cosperville. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 2002.

He was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church, a trustee of the church, a member of the Farm Bureau Co-Op Board of Directors, former post commander of the Wawaka American Legion Post, and a member of the Albion American Legion Post. He enjoyed reading, history, attending steam engine meets, and watching sports, especially Chicago Cubs baseball and University of Notre Dame and Purdue University teams.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Karen Gerver of Mishawaka, and Kent and Sandy Gerver of Wawaka; two daughters and a son-in-law and fiance, Linda and Carl Coffman of Kimmell, and Jan Knight and her fiance Mark Woodworth of Wawaka; a cousin, Mary Jane Garrett of Palm Springs, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Cosperville Baptist Church with the Rev. James Barnes officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military services.

Calling will be 2 to 7 p.m. today, Thursday, at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

Ray Hobbs

LIGONIER — Raymond Hobbs, 88, of Ligonier died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004 at 12:45 a.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1915 in Noble County to Clifford and Mae (Pierce) Hobbs. He lived his entire life in Noble County.

On Dec. 6, 1936 he married Ada Kring in Ligonier, and she survives.

He was a farmer and carpenter, and a member of Ligonier United Methodist Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Art Strong, Kenosha, Wis.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by a son, Larry D. Hobbs; a sister, Inez Beach; and his parents.

Friends may call on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to noon at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier. Immediately following, graveside services will be held at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell with the Rev. Jean Ness officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the Crosswalk Building Fund at Ligonier United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are by Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Brenda Wilson

LIGONIER — Brenda Kay Wilson, 51, of Ligonier died Sunday, Aug. 15, 2004, in Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Mrs. Wilson

She was a lifetime Noble County resident and a housekeeper at Avalon Village Healthcare Center. She was a member of Trinity Assembly of God, Ligonier, and enjoyed puzzle books, fishing and her pets, especially her dog Cricket. On May 1, 1953, she was born to Douglas and Kay (Taylor) Shearer. Her mother survives. She married Paul E. Wilson in 1981 in Cromwell. He preceded her in death in 2001.

Surviving in addition to her mother are a son, Tony Wilson of Ligonier; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Cheri Shearer, Mitchell and Linda Shearer and Mark and Kimberly Shearer, all of Ligonier, and Martin and Kathy Shearer of Goshen; and a sister and brother-in-law, Becky and Oscar Jackson of Cromwell.

Her father also preceded her in death.

Services were this morning at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, with the Rev. Bill Parks officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery, Ligonier. Calling was Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or American Lung Association.

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Surviving are: a son and daughter-in-law, Nelson L. and Tami Correll Jr., Cromwell; two daughters and a son-in-law, Lynn Woodworth, Trudy McVoy and Moni and Robert Rivera, all of Cromwell; two brothers, Jim Holcom, Warsaw, and Ray Christman, Cromwell; two sisters, Rosetta Jennes, Oregon, and Portia Swininger, Montana; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Services will be at 8 p.m. Friday at Trinity Assembly of God Church, Ligonier, with Rev. Bill Parks officiating.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are St. Jude's Hospital for Children.

Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home, Ligonier, is in charge of arrangements.

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Earl Holton

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Mr. Holton

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Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Michael and July Holton of rural Kendallville; two sisters, Florene Hartbarger of Knoxville, Tenn., and Betty Hatcher of Nashville, Tenn.; and two grandsons, Nathaniel and James Holton, both of rural Kendallville.

A sister, Mildred Insel, two brothers, Leon and Wallace Holton, and his parents preceded him in death.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to ChristCare Free Clinic or Harbor of Love Building Fund.

Condolences may be e-mailed to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Russell Warner Sr.

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Russell C. Warner Sr., 84, of Fort Myers, Fla., formerly of Kendallville, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, in Fort Myers.

In Green Township in Noble County he was born on Nov. 3, 1919, to Curtis and Esther Warner. On Nov. 4, 1950, in Auburn, he married Jean Hidy-Myers. She survives.

He moved from Kendallville to Louisville, Ky. in 1971 then to Fort Myers, Fla.

Mr. Warner sold insurance and mutual funds for Life Insurance of Kentucky and Florida Financial, and was known for his homemade ice cream as owner and operator of Love's Ice Cream.

He was a Kentucky Colonel and honorary captain of the Bell of Louisville.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter, Victoria Hoskins, Savannah, Ga.; two sons, Russell C. Warner II, Cape Coral, Fla., and Bill Myers, El Paso, Texas; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services are private.

There is no calling.

Susan Farrell

DULUTH, Minn. — Susan "Sue" Farrell, 51, of Duluth, Minn., died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at her home.

She was a registered nurse at St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, and a native of Fort Wayne.

Surviving are her husband, Steve Farrell of Duluth; a daughter and her husband, Beth Ann and Scott Spisak of Fort Wayne; a son and his wife, Brandon and Debbie Beck, Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter and her husband, Amber and Mike Schneider of Columbus, Ohio; her father and stepmother, Ross and Peg Goodwin of Fort Meyers, Fla.; three sisters and their husbands, Barbara and Don Barbeau of Evanston, Ill., Karen and Steve King of Hamilton and Christine and Rich Hall of fort Wayne; a brother and his wife, Steve and Jan Goodwin of Fort Wayne; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother.

Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in the First United Methodist Church, 230 Skyline Parkway, Duluth.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at Dougherty Funeral Home, 600 E. 2nd St., Duluth.

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Kenneth Clouse

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth S. Clouse, 96, of Albion died at 1 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at his Green Township residence.

On July 3, 1908, in Green Township, he was born to Tom C. and Daisey (Edsall) Clouse. He married Laura "Pat" Patton on Feb. 18, 1939, in the E.U.B. Church, Warsaw. She survives.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a proud Green Township farmer. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Albion, a 1927 Albion High School graduate, and enjoyed his farm, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Harold Zawadzke, Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Mary Clouse, Albion, and Dennis and Kathy (Moore) Clouse, Elgin, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Jeff, Jerry and Laura Zawadzke, Kim Meyer, Todd, Adam and Kerry Clouse, Krista Brandt and Erin Moore-Clouse; a brother and sister-in-law, William G. and Jayne Clouse, Albion: a sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Jack Frymier, Morrison, Colo.

In addition to his wife, two sisters, Merry Bailey and Ema Louise Egolf, a brother, Frank Clouse, and his parents preceded him in death.

Memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Calling will be from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the family farm at 771 E. C.R. 200S in Green Township.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sunny Breeze Christian Association in Florida to help rebuild after the recent hurricane.

Florence Bockus

GOSHEN — Florence A. Bockus, 93, of Goshen died at 12:50 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center of Goshen, where she had lived since Dec. 26, 1997.

On Nov. 26, 1910, in York Township, Middlebury, she was born to William and Loie (Tesdale) Baugh. She married John G. Bockus on June 15, 1935, in Middlebury. He died on Feb. 23, 1998.

She was a homemaker and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Middlebury.

Surviving are a son, Jon G. Bockus, Goshen, and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her husband and parents, three brothers, Earl, Faye and Guy Baugh, and two sisters, Lois Beach and Mattie Luke, preceded her in death.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, with senior pastor James F. Simpson and the Rev. Thomas Herbon, both of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, officiating. Burial will be in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Gerald McKee

SPENCERVILLE — Gerald L. "Jerry" McKee, 66, of Spencerville died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at his home.

He retired in 2003 from Meridian Automotive, where he had worked 11 years.

Mr. McKee had been a member of the Eagles in Hicksville, Ohio, and Countryside Church of Christ.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian, of Spencerville; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Travis L. McKee, at home, and Troy E. and Stefanie McKee of Fort Wayne; and three brothers, Jack McKee of Dixon, Ill., and Richard and Robert McKee, both of Harlan.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday with calling one hour prior to the service at Countryside Church of Christ, 1434 Hurshtown Road, Grabill. Burial will be in Scipio Cemetery.

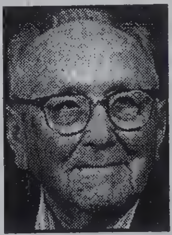
Additional calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the family.

The following obituary is being reprinted to correct errors.

Kenneth Clouse

ALBION — Kenneth S. Clouse, 96, of Albion died at 1 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at his Green Township residence.



Mr. Clouse

On July 3, 1908, in Green Township, he was born to Tom C. and Daisy Den (Edsall) Clouse. He married Laura "Pat" Patton on Feb. 18, 1939, in the E.U.B. Church, Warsaw. She survives.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a proud Green Township farmer. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Albion, a 1927 Albion High School graduate, and enjoyed his farm, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Harold Zawadzke, Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Mary Clouse, Albion, and Dennis and Kathy (Moore) Clouse, Elgin, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Jeff, Jerry and Laura Zawadzke, Kim Meyer, Todd, Adam and Kerry Clouse, Krista Brandt and Erin Moore-Clouse; a brother and sister-in-law, William G. and Jayne Clouse, Albion; and a sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Jack Frymier, Morrison, Colo.

Two sisters, Merry Bailey and Ema Louise Egolf; a brother, Frank Clouse; and his parents preceded him in death.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at Trinity United Methodist Church, Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

Because Mr. Clouse was so proud of his home and farm, his family would like to invite all friends and family to the farm from 1 to 4 p.m. today at 771 E. C.R. 200S in Green Township to share thoughts and memories.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sunny Breeze Christian Association in Florida to help rebuild after the recent hurricane.

Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Hamilton

ATHENS, Ala. — Robert M. Hamilton Sr., 78, formerly of Metz, died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at Athens Convalescent Center, Athens, Ala.

Mr. Hamilton was born Aug. 13, 1926, in Indianapolis. He served in World War II. Mr. Hamilton was a partner in Keystone Building Corp., leaving that firm in 1982 to farm.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn; three daughters and a son-in-law, Sharon Hamilton of Buena Vista, Colo., Janet Van Horn of Athens, and Anita and Mike Wehrmeister of Antwerp, Ohio; four sons and three daughters inlaw, Robert M. and Cheryl, Walter G. and James M. and Maryann, all of Metz, and Paul R. and Francis of Ardmore, Tenn.; 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

There are no services or calling. Memorials are to a local Alzheimer's association.

Arrangements are by Spry Funeral Home, Athens.

Michael Patton

ARLINGTON, Texas — Michael J. Patton, 57, of Arlington, Texas, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, in Joplin, Mo., of an apparent heart attack.

Mr. Patton was a truck driver for Hookit Trucking Co. in Texas and had driven for DTF Trucking Co. in Columbia City. He was a U.S, Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the Churubusco American Legion.

He was born Aug. 22, 1946, to Bert J. and Hanna (Asher) Patton in Manchester, Ky. He lived in Las Vegas for 30 years after serving in the Air Force, then moved to Churubusco until moving to Arlington on Feb. 4, 2003.

He is survived by five sisters and three brothers-in-law, Jo Ann Patton and Sue Lanucilli, both of Churubusco, Shirley and Larry Farrell of Fort Wayne, Millie and Steve Creech of Auburn and Patti and Brian Kline of Waterloo; and three brothers and a sister-in-law, Larry Patton and Pat and Sandy Patton, all of Churubusco, and Bob Patton of Bayford, N.M.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Pastor Rick Van Horn will officiate. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Calling will be 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Billy Ternet

LAOTTO — Billy A. Ternet Sr., 57, of LaOtto died at 9:03 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Ternet

Mr. Ternet had worked at Franke Plating Works in Fort Wayne as a precious metal plater for almost 40 years and had, in the last year, started another plating company with Nuter Coatings in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 19, 1947, to Clifford and Helen (Lewis) Ternet in Fort Wayne. He married Loretta F. Hunter on June 17, 1968, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are his father, Clifford Ternet of rural LaOtto; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lisa Stewart of Garrett, Sheila and Scott Adams of Churubusco and Jessie and Terry Williamson of Monroeville; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Imani Woodard of Indianapolis and Billy A. and Penny Ternet Jr. of Auburn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jackie and Sandra Ternet of LaOtto, Neal and Garree Ternet of Tri-Lakes, Ned and Rita Ternet of Garrett and Ted and Camille Ternet of South Whitley; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathy and Jerry Strowmatt of Kendallville and Carol Ternet of rural Avilla; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; three aunts; and three uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Ternet, and aunts and uncles.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Pastor Stephen James will officiate. Burial will be in the Christian Union Cemetery northwest of Garrett.

Calling will be 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family, in care of the funeral home.

Condolences may be e-mailed to the family at sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for **Pauline Curie** were held at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Tom Novy officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendall-ville.

Pallbearers were David Rhea, Phil and Dan Moody, Doug Lower, Terry Papenbrock and Rob Driver.

Hite Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Maxine (Hursey) Lemish** were held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Lourdeno Fernandes officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Pallbearers were Jim and Jeff Showen, Sherman Click, Brian Hursey, Eric Daniels and Phil Heitz. Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, was in charge of arrangements.

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Bercaw held on to give daughter away

BY BILL GISEL
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AUBURN — Nearly two weeks after the death of Rex Bercaw, 49, from amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's disease), his hospital bed and electric wheelchair still occupy the front room of the Bercaw home on Greenbriar Boulevard.

They are a constant reminder to his wife of 27 years of a good man who is gone, but who will never be forgotten.

"He was an incredible man, and I think the 500 or more people who called at the funeral home thought so, too," Kristine Bercaw said.

Mrs. Bercaw has been incredibly busy since her husband's death Aug. 10. She said August probably will never be a good month for her in that both his parents and one of hers also died in August of different years.

A positive August event for which she has become an advocate is the inaugural Northern Indiana Walk to D'Feet ALS on Sunday, Aug. 29, on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne. She is busy signing up friends and anyone else who may be interested in showing support of ALS awareness by participating.

"Rex never wanted to be an advocate; he was a proud and private man. But, he would have been totally overwhelmed at the outpouring of love from people who contributed already through memorials, flowers, and cards. My mailbox is jammed every day," she noted.

She said she is not seeking any further donations, but if more are forthcoming, it will be welcomed by the ALS Association of Indiana. Previous walks in southern and central Indiana have proven to be a significant philanthropic effort, and with the new northern Indiana walk the association hopes to raise $190,000 this year.

"I just want to help with a show of support by people who are recognizing the disease," Mrs. Bercaw said. She said "Rex's Racers" will be identified by "something special to set us apart" as well as T-shirts and signs.

"People can register by calling 888-508-3232, or on the Internet at www.alsaindiana.org, or by calling me," she said.

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Rex Bercaw is surrounded by his family in a photo from earlier this year. Clockwise from left are his wife Kristine, son-in-law Justin Aldrich, daughter Alison Aldrich and daughter Jacquelyn.

Devoted family man

Mrs. Bercaw said her husband was especially devoted to his family, an attribute also noted by a co-worker and friend at the Bercaw family business, Maxton Motors Inc. in Butler.

Bob Baker, a service technician, said Rex Bercaw's thoughts were always on his wife and daughters. "He would mention something about them at every opportunity," he said.

In fact, participating in daughter Alison's wedding this past June was a major goal for Rex.

"He was diagnosed two days after Alison's engagement was announced," Mrs. Bercaw explained. Due to the nature and progression of the disease — for which there is no known cause or cure — Rex immediately doubted he would be able to see his oldest child make the walk down the church aisle.

"In February, his lung capacity was only 25 percent, which means he was breathing with the equivalent of half of one lung," Mrs. Bercaw said. Rex was told he might have only two months to live.

"That would have been in April, and the wedding was still two months away. Well, April came and went, then May came and went, and I started to ask, 'Is he going to make it?' Thank God he did!"

Mrs. Bercaw believes the fact that Rex was on so many community prayer lists played a part in making his participation possible.

"By the Grace of God he was able to go ... to be a part of it," she said.

He couldn't walk down the aisle, but he was able to motor down in his wheelchair. An electronic voice machine had been programmed to respond "Her mother and I" when the minister asked who gave Alison in marriage.

"Everyone in St. Mark's could hear, it was so special," Mrs. Bercaw remarked.

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Special qualities

Among her husband's special qualities, Mrs. Bercaw said, were allowing people to be exactly as they are, and in choosing friends according to what they were as a person, and not their station in life.

"Rex never, ever tried to change anyone," she said. His friends came from all social and economic backgrounds, and often from those whom he helped to buy a vehicle.

"People could trust that he would help them find a good used vehicle, and he would work hard to help people with credit problems through no fault of their own," she said.

His co-worker, Barker, said it was not unusual for Rex to pick up an Auburn customer's car and drive it to Butler for a service appointment, then return it in the evening.

"It is something that he would do with great regularity ... going the extra mile," Baker said.

Co-worker Mindy Emenhiser said she lost a friend as well as a boss.

"He was a neat man, someone you could talk with about anything," she said.

One subject they talked about often was sports, and the Eastside-DeKalb high school sporting rivalries.

"My husband, Lonnie, is a coach at Eastside, and Rex would be the first to congratulate him on Monday morning on his team's accomplishments," she said.

After some deep reflection, Emenhiser added: "For anyone who had the opportunity to know Rex, it was truly a privilege."

Baker said his friend remained upbeat throughout his illness.

"At no time did he ever complain. It was inspirational in that he knew the outcome, how it was going to play out. He was a smiling face and he was a good friend," Baker said.

Mrs. Bercaw noted that among her husband's favorite sports was NASCAR auto racing. The family had gone often to the Michigan raceway at Brooklyn, and Rex never missed a NASCAR race, even if it was only to hear it on the radio outside at the pool.

"The Sunday before his death, when he slipped into a deep sleep, we were all here, and the Brickyard 400 was on the television. I am sure he heard the outcome, that he knew who won," she said.

Harvey Fry

AUBURN — Harvey Albert Fry, 100, of Auburn, died Friday, Aug. 25, 2004, in Auburn.

Mr. Fry was born Dec. 25, 1903, in Allen County, to Edward DeFord and Louise Virginia (Gerardot) Fry. He married Mary Ellen Ellis on Sept. 12, 1923. She preceded him in death in 1995.

He grew up in Jefferson Township near Monroeville. He lived in Allen County most of his life, and in DeKalb County in his later years.

He retired from Pennsylvania Railroad in 1965 after 44 years of service. He rode the Inner Urban Rail Service.

Surviving are a daughter, Gloria Fay Emenhiser of Auburn; a son, Wade Eldon Fry of Fort Wayne; six grandchildren and their spouses, Karen and Vince Fuleki and Charlene and Larry Bowman, all of Auburn; Desiree and Scott Rayl of Cincinnati, Ohio; Nanette and James Alkire of Dallas; Kevin and Cheryl Fry of Fort Wayne; and Lynn and Lisa Fry of Auburn; 12 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Keith Owen, in 2001; and a sister, Viola Louise Stewart, in 1967.

Private graveside services will be held on Tuesday at Scipio Cemetery, Harlan, with the Rev. Barbara Cross of Calvary United Methodist Church officiating.

Memorials are to Carroll Road Christian Church, Fort Wayne, Calvary United Methodist Church, Avilla, or Auburn Church of Christ.

Arrangements are being handled by Brown Funeral Home Inc., Hicksville, Ohio.

Ronald Bonar

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald L. Bonar, 55, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Robert Strater

BUTLER — Robert C. "Bobby" Strater, 53, of Butler, and formerly of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Services are pending at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home, Kendallville.

Troy Baker

HUDSON — Troy Logan Baker, 15 days, of Hudson, died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at the emergency room at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Troy was born in Angola on Aug. 5, 2004.

Surviving are his parents, Cory and Cassandra Baker of Hudson; his twin brother, Trevor Lee Baker, at home; a sister, Haley Mae Baker, at home; a brother, Cory Lynn Baker Jr., at home; grandparents, Mike and Mary Parker of Hudson, Terry and Vickie Baker of Angola and Betty Baker of Huntertown; great-grandparents, Charles "Chuck" Parker of Hudson, Doris Baker of Garrett and Alfred Rollins of Churubusco; great-great-grandmother, Alice M. Kistler of Hudson; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, with Pastor Darold L. Beck officiating. Calling is Monday from 6-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

Steven Beer

FREMONT — Steven D. Beer, 53, of Fremont, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at home.

Mr. Beer was born Dec. 2, 1950, in Decatur, to Loren Dale and Ramona (Strahm) Beer. He was married to Diana L. Lee on March 5, 1972, in Angola. She survives.

He was a 21-year employee at RR Donnelly (formerly Moore Business Forms) in Angola. He was a 1969 Angola High School graduate. He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge and the former Fremont Men's Club.

Also surviving are his mother, Ramona Beer of Fremont; two daughters, Amanda Beer of Champaign, Ill. and Lexie Beer of Peoria, Ill.; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Todd and Kris Beer and Greg and Cheryl Beer, all of Fremont, and Mark and Terri Beer of Angola; and three sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and James Grandin and Pam and Mike Holcomb, all of Angola, and Lana and Jack Woodring of Fremont.

He was preceded in death by his father on April 9, 1984.

Services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Calling is Monday from 4-8 p.m.

Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to the Amanda and Lexie Beer College Education Fund.

Fred Church

LAGRANGE — Fred R. Church, 79, of LaGrange, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at home.

Mr. Church was born in Evart, Mich. He was a salesman with Northern Indiana Public Service Co. for 25 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of American Legion Post No. 82, and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in LaGrange.

Surviving are his wife, Marilyn; a son and daughter-in-law, Keith R. and Shannon Church of LaGrange; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Elaine and Keith Seitz of New Haven, Pamela and Michael Boschet of Warsaw and Janice Ruby of Fort Wayne; 11 sisters, four brothers, 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a grandchild.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, LaGrange. Calling is from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, Auburn, and one hour before services at the church.

Burial will be in Bethel Cemetery.

Memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church or Riley Children's Hospital.

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Lowell Elliston

KENDALLVILLE — Lowell Charles Elliston, 63, Kendallville, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Elliston was born on Oct. 3, 1940, in Hastings, Mich., the son of Vern B. and Iza Lucile (Jarred) Elliston. Both preceded him in death.

Mr. Elliston was a retired dump truck operator for Carey Excavating. He moved to Kendallville 14 years ago from Nashville, Mich.

He is survived by two daughters, Pamela Weossner, Middleville, Mich., and Connie Porter, Nashville; one son and daughter inlaw, Vern and Wendy Elliston, Nashville; two brothers and sisters inlaw, Richard and Lois Elliston and Larry and Jo Anne Elliston, all of Nashville; nine grandchildren, Valerie Domonique, Ethan and Elizabeth Woessner and Daniel, Courneya, Autumn Rose, Norman, Jennifer and Nichole Porter; and one great-grandchild.

Services will be held at a later date.

Arrangements are by Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

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Melvin Miller

TOPEKA — Melvin J. Miller, 78, of Topeka died at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at his home following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer and owned and operated a woodworking shop.

He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Mr. Miller was born Oct. 21, 1925, in LaGrange County to Jacob E. and Mary (Miller) Miller. On Nov. 7, 1946, in LaGrange County, he married Susie D. Nissley. She survives.

Also surviving are six daughters and five sons-in-law, Mary and Mervin Miller and Fannie Miller, all of Topeka, Clara and Marion Miller of Howe, Rose and Ira Lee Hochstetler of Wolcottville, Sara and Mervin Whetstone of LaGrange and Lena and Perry Lehman of Middlebury; three sons and daughters-in-law, Mervin and Sue Miller and Crist and Leanna Miller, all of Topeka, and David and Kathrine Miller of Ligonier; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Clara and Ezra Bontrager of Wolcottville and Mary and Ora Miller of Millersburg; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ervin and Mary Miller and Eli Miller, all of Topeka; 43 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by an infant daughter, a brother, a sister, and a sister-in-law.

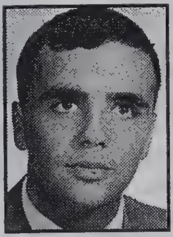
Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Crist Miller residence, 5780 S. C.R. 300W, Topeka, with Bishop Christy Mast and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery at LaGrange.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Crist Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Strater

KENDALLVILLE — Robert C. "Bobby" Strater, 53, of Kendallville died at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital after struggling with mental illness and cancer. He had resided at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler for the past 10 years.


Mr. Strater

Mr. Strater was a former farmer in Kendallville and Wolcottville. He graduated in 1970 from East Noble High School. He loved to hunt and fish.

He was born Oct. 7, 1950, in Kendallville to Robert B. and Marie (Leitch) Strater. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sisters, Glenna Mae Becker of Huntertown and Rita Fay Derrow of LaOtto; three nieces, Michelle Becker, Summer Brateman and Cristalle Kline; one nephew, Steve Becker; and three great-nieces.

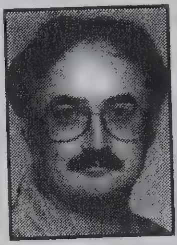
Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. Richard Frederick of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church and the Rev. Eugene Woolever of Corunna officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society or the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI).

Ronald Bonar

KENDALLVILLE — Ronald L. Bonar, 55, of Kendallville died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Bonar

Mr. Bonar recently retired after 30 years with GTE. He was a 1968 graduate of East Noble High School and received an associate's degree in business and accounting in 1975.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1968-1970 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville and the American Technical Society.

Mr. Bonar attended Harvest Community Church.

He was born April 3, 1949, in Fort Wayne to Robert L. and Patricia Ann (Biggs) McClish. They are deceased. His stepfather, Donald McClish, is also deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Teresa Kay "Terri" McGee of Argyle, Texas, Diana Lewis of Kendallville and Donna Mattes of Churubusco; four nephews, Tadd Hendricks of Argyle, Texas, Jason Lewis of Kendallville, Ronnie Lewis of Kendallville and Raymond Mattes of Churubusco; and a niece, Crystal Handshoe of Kendallville.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with Pastor Rich Laskowski of Harvest Community Church officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Marvin Rehklau

CAMDEN, Mich. — Marvin G. Rehklau, 59, of rural Camden, Mich., died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, shortly after admission to Community Hospital and Wellness Center in Bryan, Ohio, following a lingering illness.

Mr. Rehklau was born Feb. 24, 1945, to Carl E. and June Marie (Close) Rehklau in the Rehklau family farm home near Pioneer, Ohio. He was married to Sheri Chamberlain on Nov. 11, 1994, in Bryan. She survives.

He was a 1964 graduate of Waldron High School in Waldron, Mich.

He was a lifelong farmer and had been employed for 28 years as a machinist and assembler at ARO/Ingersoll-Rand Corp., in Bryan. For a number of years, he had owned and operated Marv's Auto and Farm Equipment Repair at his farm.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bryan.

Also surviving are his father, Carl E. Rehklau of Camden; two sons and daughters-in-law, Norman and Diane Rehklau of Alvordton, Ohio, and Jeff and Kim Rehklau of Montpelier, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Jamie Rice of Dayton, Ohio; a stepson, Brandon Cassidy, at home; two stepdaughters and a stepson-in-law, Colette and Wayne Waddington of Santee, Calif., and Kendra Cassidy of Jonesville, Mich.; a brother and sister-in-law, C. Wayne and Sandra Rehklau of Pioneer; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol M. and Larry Seeley of Angola and Carleen and Patrick Wyse of Archbold, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, June Marie Rehklau, in 1977.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Indiana time Wednesday at First Baptist Church, Bryan, with Pastor John MacFarlane officiating. Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Indiana time Tuesday at Thompson Funeral Home, Pioneer.

Burial will be in Floral Grove Cemetery, Pioneer.

Memorials are to First Baptist Church.

Scott Bradley

SELMA, Ind. — Scott E. Bradley, 49, of Selma died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie after an extended illness.

Mr. Bradley

He was born Oct. 16, 1954, in Dunkirk and was a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

Surviving are his wife, Debborah S. Bradley; a son, Chris Clairday; a daughter, Stacey Maggo; a stepdaughter, Jessica Clairday; his mother, Doloris (Pearson) Bradley of Garrett; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Peggy Sutton, Beth and Steve Anderson, and Cindy Bradley; a brother, Kent Bradley; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Owen M. Bradley, and a brother, John Bradley.

Services will be today at 2 p.m. in Elm Ridge Funeral Home with Danny Lewis officiating. Burial will be at Elm Ridge Memorial Park.

Memorials are to the family.

Carl Berry

FREMONT — Carl Alfred Berry, 68, of Fremont died Friday, Aug. 20, 2004, at Visiting Nurse Service and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Berry was born Oct. 19, 1935, in Danville, Ill., to Leo and Margaret (Rumble) Berry.

He had been a security guard for Guardmark Security. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

Surviving are two daughters, Carla Rauhut of Coldwater Lake, Mich., and Elizabeth "Libby" Moorman of Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.; a sister, Dorothy Loy of Rantoul, Ill.; a brother, Dale Berry of Effingham, Ill.; and two grandchildren, Kevin and Amber.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an uncle, Marvin Rumble; and a special friend, LaVonne Sheehan.

Services will be 1 p.m. Tuesday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Wayne Street Chapel, Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Wayne Berkesch officiating. Calling will be today from 6 to 8 p.m.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Allen County of the American Cancer Society Myeldyplastic Syndrome Research.

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Theresa Zentz

BUTLER — Theresa E. Zentz, 88, of Butler died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at 6 a.m. in her home.

Mrs. Zentz was retired as a clerk at Workers World of Butler.

She was born May 21, 1916, in Melbourne, Ohio, to Leonard and Goldie (Blaisdell) Meyer.

She married Clarence Zentz on Mary 26, 1934, in Edon, Ohio. He died Jan. 26, 1992.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Larry Schlosser of Butler; a brother, Robert Meyer of Edgerton, Ohio; and a grandson, Jaisen Zentz of Ridgeway, S.C.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Darrell Meyer and Kenneth Meyer, and two sisters, Ilen Meyer and Reeda Meyer.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler. Pastor Dan Eckart will officiate. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Society.

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THIS OBITUARY *is being republished with information about additional surviving relatives.*

Barbara Buckles

GARRETT — Barbara Ann Eikenberry Buckles, 83, formerly of Garrett, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at The Cedars Retirement Home in Leo after a short illness.

Mrs. Buckles

Mrs. Buckles was a well-known educator in DeKalb County. She was a graduate of St. Francis College and Indiana University.

For 40 years, Mrs. Buckles and her family lived southwest of Garrett, where they owned and operated Buckles' Antiques.

Throughout her career, Mrs. Buckles emphasized a commitment to reading and a love of books.

She taught elementary school in the Auburn and Garrett schools. As the librarian at J.E. Ober Elementary School in Garrett, she conducted children's reading programs and presented numerous book reviews and book fairs.

Mrs. Buckles was a 55-year member of the First Church of Christ in Garrett. In the 1950s, she introduced the Welcome Wagon newcomers organization to Garrett. She was an active member of the Psi Iota Xi sorority and the Retired Teachers Association, served as a Girl Scout leader and worked for the DeKalb County Advertiser.

After retiring from the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school corporation, Mrs. Buckles established a comprehensive library for the First Church of Christ in Garrett. For five years, she oversaw the collection, cataloging and circulation of a library totaling nearly 1,000 volumes, including periodicals, books on tape and video series dealing with both Biblical subjects and current events. She considered that her greatest achievement was the frequent use of the library by young and old alike and that she could gather and provide reference information upon request.

She also volunteered for a number of years at Lindenview in the Parkview Hospital complex, establishing its patient and staff libraries. Her other interests included reading, sewing and quilting, and traveling with her husband.

She is survived by her husband of 63 years, O. Jon Buckles, of The Cedars at Leo; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ada and Dr. Harmon Baldwin of Bloomington, and Marjorie Kepner of Phoenix; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Robert Eikenberry of Peru, Ind., and Wallace and Betty Eikenberry of Lake Placid, Fla.; four daughters and sons-in-law, Donnadee and R.J. Hohimer of Fort Myers, Fla., Kathalee and Toby Refner of Auburn, Debbie and John Shelby of Phoenix, and Teresa and Chris Barnard of Petaluma, Calif.; eight grandchildren and their spouses, Jody Lee Miller of Portland, Ore., Chad Miller of Santa Clara, Calif., Jon Gabriel and Melissa Miller of Groton, Conn., Carisa and Paul Whittall of Wiltshire, England, Libby Shelby and Johnny Shelby of Phoenix and Hillary Conrad and Max Conrad of Petaluma, Calif.; and four great-granddaughters, Ally and Gabrielle Miller of Groton, and Madeline and Abigail Whittall of Wiltshire.

She was preceded in death by her parents, W.B. and Madeline Eikenberry of Mexico, Ind., and an infant great-granddaughter, Baylee Miller.

Services were held Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials are to The Cedars Retirement Home of Leo or Heartland Home Health and Hospice of Fort Wayne.

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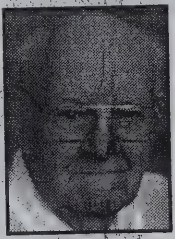
Longtime Kendallville grocer Thomas Johnson dies

KENDALLVILLE — Former Kendallville businessman Thomas M. Johnson, 89, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.


Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson worked in the grocery business for more than three decades. He first built the Northside Market located on North Main Street in Kendallville in 1940. In 1954, he built South Side Grocery on South Main Street, and in 1960 he built the IGA Grocery at the corner of Dowling Street and Park Avenue.

He served as Rotary Club president from 1965 to 1966 and was a former member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge and the Elks Lodge.

Mr. Johnson was an avid golfer

He became a member of Faith United Methodist Church in 1928.

Mr. Johnson was born Nov. 3, 1914, in Booneville to John M. and Margaret (Bennie) Johnson. He was a 1933 graduate of Kendallville High School.

On May 25, 1939, in Auburn, he married Margaret V. Claxton. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Jenny and Richard Smith of Fort Wayne and Jody and Richard Nasca of Avilla; a son, John Johnson of Kendallville; three granddaughters, Shayne Sipe and her husband, Andy, of Harlan, Crystal Johnson of Kendallville and Brittney Schmandt of Avilla; and two great-granddaughters, Alexis Sipe of Harlan and Jayde Sipe of Harlan.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Johnson, and two sisters, Mildred Shippy and Lula Mae Johnson.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with the Rev. James Toole officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Lake View Cemetery revitalization fund or to Faith United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Adeline Stuckey

AUBURN — Adeline Stuckey, 96, of Auburn died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Stuckey was a homemaker and a member of Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, the DeKalb County Farm Bureau 4T's and the Heimach Center.

She was born Dec. 1, 1907, in Pike County to John and Barbara (Gingerich) Aschleman.

She married LaVern H. Stuckey on March 28, 1929, in Spencerville. He died Sept. 8, 1958.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Lowell L. and Joyce Stuckey of Waterloo; a daughter and son-in-law, Lowneta and Charles Freed of Waterloo; a brother, Raymond Aschleman of Auburn; a sister, Mildred Palmer of Tucson, Ariz.; five grandchildren, Tammy Fink, Tracy Barse, Trent Stuckey, Cynthia Reed and Richard Freed; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers, William, Cletus, Elmer and Amos Aschleman.

Private family services will be today with the Rev. Donald Shankster officiating. Feller Funeral Home of Waterloo is handling arrangements. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

A memorial service will be next month at Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren, with the date and time to be announced later.

Memorials are to the Cedar Lake Church of the Brethren or the Heimach Center.

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Mildred Fisher

ANTWERP, Ohio — Mildred B. Fisher, 88, of Antwerp died peacefully Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at 7:30 p.m. in Paulding County Hospital at Paulding, Ohio.

Mrs. Fisher was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Antwerp, Ohio, a 59-year member of Antwerp American Legion Post 253 Auxiliary and a 36-year member of Antwerp Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5087 Auxiliary.

She enjoyed hunting and fishing with her father and brothers.

She was born Sept. 9, 1915, in Payne, Ohio, to Ernest F. and Verna B. (Beucler) Foreman. The preceded her in death.

On June 20, 1940, she married Leland A. Fisher. He died April 12, 1988.

Surviving are three sons, Irvin Anspach Jr. of Payne, Harl "Mike" Fisher of Butler, Ind., and Vanard Fisher of Bryan, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Franklin and George Foreman, and two grandchildren.

Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. (Indiana time) at Dooley Funeral Home, 202 W. River St., Antwerp. The Rev. David Meriwether will officiate. Burial will be at Wiltsie Cemetery in Payne.

Calling will be today from 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. Indiana time at the funeral home.

A VFW Auxiliary service will begin at 7 p.m. (Indiana time).

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or the American Kidney Foundation.

Phyllis Freeman

AUBURN — Phyllis Annetta Freeman, 68, of Auburn died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Freeman

Born in Auburn, she was a telephone operator with AT&T for 27 years, retiring in 1990. She was a member of Auburn Nazarene Church.

Surviving are a son, Paul Freeman of Auburn; a brother, Phillip Croy of Garrett; and two sisters, Margaret Marti of Garrett and Shirley Patton of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert P. Freeman; a daughter, Pamela Gettys, in 2003; two sisters, Martha Vogtman and Joanna Mayse; and one brother, William Mark Croy.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Auburn Nazarene Church, with calling from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Additional calling will be today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Memorials are to the Auburn Nazarene Church or to the family.

Orie Hostetler

SHIPSHEWANA — Orie W. Hostetler, 93, of Shipshewana died at 1:10 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange where he had resided for the past year.

Mr. Hostetler was a lifetime area resident.

He had been a farmer and employed at Monteith in Shipshewana and DuoTherm in LaGrange.

He was a member of Shore Mennonite Church.

Mr. Hostetler was born Nov. 8, 1910, in LaGrange County to Jacob and Carolyn (Rheinheimer) Hostetler. On March 28, 1937, in LaGrange County he married Ruby Mishler. She died May 14, 1994.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Letha and Gerald Bontrager of Goshen, Verda and Lowell Bontrager of Millersburg and Rosalie and Jerry Simon of Wolcottville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim and Midge Hostetler of Shipshewana and Glen and Audree Hostetler of Waterloo, Wis.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a half brother, Josiah Hostetler; two infant sons; an infant daughter; and two grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Shore Mennonite Church in Shipshewana with Pastors Carl Horner and Brent Eash of Shore Mennonite Church officiating. Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

William Young

HUDSON — William Edward Young, 67, of McClish Lake near Hudson died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Young

Mr. Young worked as a journeyman maintenance man at Renaissance Publishing in Auburn and had worked for Group Dekko companies from 1980-1987. He had also worked for Schmuck Garage in Kendallville and enjoyed working on race cars.

Mr. Young had served as a reserve officer for the Kendallville Police Department during the 1970s.

He will be remembered as being Santa Claus in the Kendallville area for the past 48 years.

Mr. Young was a 32-year member and past governor of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1301 in Kendallville, Limberlost Legion of the Moose and held the Fellowship Degree in the International Loyal Order of the Moose.

He was an amateur radio operator and a 12-year member of the Sons of the American Legion in Kendallville.

Mr. Young was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed antique automobiles. He was an avid fisherman and just last week had shared his grandson's first fishing experience.

He volunteered at the Friendship Food Pantry in Kendallville, Cancer Services of Allen County, the American Cancer Society and at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He was a Gift of Life donor, donating tissue, bone and eyes.

Mr. Young was born March 29, 1937, in Kendallville to Otto Edward and Deloruse A. (Strouse) Young. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Avilla. On April 20, 1979, in Albion, he married Judy Colleen Burnworth. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Terry Young and his companion Melinda Myers of Kendallville; a daughter, Tara Marie Young; a sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Jack Jarrett of Kendallville; a brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Star Young of Garrett; a sister-in-law and her husband, Margaret and Lloyd Miller of North Manchester; and a grandson, Jaycob William Young.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville with chaplain Paul Marki officiating. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion at a later date.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Friendship Food Pantry, Cancer Services of Allen County or the Kendallville Moose Lodge.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Eugene Meyer

AVILLA — Eugene C. Meyer, 95, of Avilla died at 12:45 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home.

Mr. Meyer was a lifetime area resident and had worked in tool grinding for Zollner Corp. in Fort Wayne. He retired in 1972 after 32 years of service.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Moose Lodge and the Quarter Century Club of Zollner Corp.

Mr. Meyer was born May 19, 1909, in DeKalb County to Daniel and Anna (Senn) Meyer. On Nov. 30, 1940, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, he married Edna C. Kreienbrink. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and two daughters-in-law, Phillip and Sharon Meyer of Pleasant Lake near Angola, and Stephen and Janet Meyer and Paul "Chip" Meyer, all of Kendallville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Bob Treesh of Kendallville and June and Nick Teliha of Plainfield; three brothers, Leo Meyer and Carl Meyer, both of Fort Wayne, and James Meyer of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Marguerite Meyer of Avilla and Sister Anna Clare Meyer of Frankfort, Ill.; nine grandchildren; a stepgrandchild; one great-grandchild; and four stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Walter, Alphonse and Richard Meyer, and two sisters, Rose and Stella Meyer.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla with Father Daniel Durkin officiating. Burial will be in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School.

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Lois Heckner

DEARBORN, Mich. — Lois J. Heckner, 69, of Dearborn and formerly of Ligonier, Ind., died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Heckner had moved to Michigan in April. She had been a resident of Ligonier since 1962.

She had taught school in Goshen and in the West Noble school system.

Mrs. Heckner was a founding member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, where she had served as treasurer for many years.

She enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening and the performing arts. She was prolific at making rag rugs and had formed a rug manufacturing company with her sister.

Mrs. Heckner had served on the Ligonier Plan Commission and had been a member of the Ligonier Library Board. She had been a member of the Ligonier Study Club and involved with Girl Scouts. She loved giving parties and hosted many political events.

She was born Dec. 9, 1934, in Valparaiso, Ind., to Walter Martin and Helen Emily Sofia (Brockman) Miller. On Sept. 10, 1956, in Orleans, France, she married Howard G. Heckner. He died March 29, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Esther Heckner of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kate and Joseph Ulrey of Dearborn and Anne and Dan Holland of Wellington, New Zealand; two sisters, Marian Miller of Manhattan, N.Y., and Helen Miller of Shingle Springs, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Russell Furhmann and Mrs. Heckner's sister-in-law, the Rev. Dorothy Heckner-Mendonca, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Historical Society.

Arthur Kimberly

LAGRANGE — Arthur F. Kimberly, 94, of LaGrange and formerly of Columbus, Ind., died at 6:25 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mr. Kimberly was born Oct. 4, 1909, in New Jersey to Clarence and Nannette (Lenahan) Kimberly.

His wife, Arlene Fleck Kimberly, preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by a daughter, JoAnn Moody.

Surviving is a daughter and son-in-law, Jean and Keith Greathouse of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville.

Memorial services will be held Monday at Jewell-Rittman Funeral Home in Columbus.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of local arrangements.

Merle Bell

GOSHEN — Merle Mona "Grams" Bell, 96, of Goshen died at 12:56 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at AmeriCare Living Center in Goshen where she had lived since July 2001.

Mrs. Bell had lived six years in Middlebury and most of her life in Grand Rapids, Mich.

She was a homemaker and former member of the South Congregational Church in Grand Rapids where she raised her family. She attended First United Methodist Church in Middlebury while living there with her daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Bell

Mrs. Bell was born Sept. 12, 1907, in Lodi, Texas, to Charles and Lola (Benson) Ball.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph Otto Bell, in December 1976.

Surviving are a daughter-in-law, Barbara Collins of Middlebury; seven grandchildren, Timothy and Karin Flannery, Joni and Tom Hornak, Derek and Amy Bell, David and Jennifer Bell, Terence and Lisa Bell, Amy and Eric Granata and K.C. Collins; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) at the chapel at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Grand Rapids with the Rev. Eric Britcher officiating.

Memorials are to First United Methodist Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

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Donald Zell

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald O. Zell, 48, of Columbia City died at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Columbia City.

Mr. Zell had been an inspector with Auburn Gear in Auburn for one year. Prior to that he worked for Essex Wire in Columbia City.

He lived in the area 20 years, coming from Copperas Cove, Texas.

Mr. Zell was a U.S. Army veteran and served eight years of active duty. He also had served in the National Guard with 16 years of active service and was assigned to the Armories in Bluffton and South Haven, Mich.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, golfing and auto racing's CART and IRL divisions.

Mr. Zell was born April 2, 1956, in Fort Wayne to Donald and Shirley (Nicholson) Zell. His father died Sept. 20, 1989, and his mother survives in Columbia City. On Jan. 4, 1982, in Lampass, Texas, he married Darby Gaff. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Craig Zell and his special friend Brandy Kemerly of New Castle, and Anthony Zell of Chicago; a daughter, Heather Davis of Columbia City; a sister, Kathy "Kate" Lafountain of Columbia City; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Stanley and Pricilla Gaff of Columbia City; his brothers-in-law and sister-in-law and their spouses, Dale and Lisa Gaff of Columbia City, Doug and Jenny Gaff of Albion and Shannon and Donna Ruby of Columbia City; a grandson, Jordan Davis; and several nieces and nephews that were very special to him.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, with the Rev. Ann Marshall officiating. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Friday.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Ernest Kelley

WOODBURN — Ernest M. Kelley, 85, of Woodburn died Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at his home.

A native of Spencerville, he retired in 1978 from International Harvester, where he had worked 29 years.

Surviving are his wife of 65 years, Eunice A. Kelley; one daughter, Mary Lou Kallsen of Antwerp, Ohio; three sons, Vernon D. Kelley of Hamilton, Larry R. Kelley of North Webster and Terry L. Kelley of Hicksville, Ohio; two sisters, Peggy Jenkins and Wanda McNabb, both of Leo; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were a sister, Madonna Morr; a brother, Victor Kelley; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday in Scipio United Methodist Church, S.R. 37, Harlan, with lunch following the service.

Memorials are to the Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the American Cancer Society.

The Hockemeyer Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

John Tieman

AUBURN — Services are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson for John Tieman, 45, of Auburn.

Mr. Tieman died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, in DeKalb County.

Rev. Everett Herron

PARMA HEIGHTS, Ohio — The Rev. Everett Earl Herron, 89, a Kendallville native, died at 1:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, at Brewster Parke Nursing and Senior Living Community Center in Brewster.

The Rev. Herron was an ordained elder who served as pastor, evangelist, chaplain and minister of music and as an organist at various churches throughout the Church of the Nazarene and at other community services for more than 60 years.

His pastoral ministry included serving the congregations of the First Church of the Nazarene in the cities of Buffalo and Kingston, in New York state and the West Main Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne.

At age 11, he decided to become a Christian at a Nazarene tent meeting in Kendallville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his wife, V. Evelyn Robinett Herron; his parents, Arlo and Orpha (Smith) Herron; and a daughter Sandra K.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Duane and Linda Herron of Enon Valley, Pa.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and H. Bill McDavitt of Litchfield, and Charlene and Wayne Norton of Parma Heights; three sisters, Retha Smith, Marie Schwartz and Betty Rice all of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and several beloved nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at State Road Community Church of the Nazarene, 8600 State Road, North Royalton, Ohio.

Calling will be at Golubski Funeral Home, 5986 Ridge Road, Parma, from 2 to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorials are to Everett Herron Memorial Fund c/o Brewster Parke, 264 Mohican St., Brewster, Ohio, 44613.

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Donald Zell

COLUMBIA CITY — Donald O. Zell, 48, died Monday, August 23, 2004.

He was born April 2, 1956, in Fort Wayne to Donald Zell and Shirley (Nicholson) Zell. His father preceded him in death on September 20, 1989 and his mother survives in Columbia City.

Mr. Zell had resided in the area for 20 years, coming from Copperas Cove, Texas. He was an inspector with Auburn Gear in Auburn for one year. Prior to that, he had worked for Essex Wire in Columbia City.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving eight years active duty. He was a member of the National Guard with 16 years active service. He was assigned to the Armories at Bluffton, IN and South Haven, MI. His hobbies included fishing, hunting, golfing and Cart and IRL (Indianapolis Racing League).

On January 4, 1982, in Lampass, Texas, he was married to Darby Gaff. She survives.

In addition to his wife and mother, also surviving are two sons, Craig Zell and his special friend Brandy Kemerly of New Castle, IN, and Anthony Zell of Chicago; one daughter, Heather Davis of Columbia City; one grandson, Jordan Davis; one sister, Kathy "Kate" Lafountain of Columbia City; mother- and father-in-law, Stanley and Priscilla Gaff of Columbia City; brothers- and sisters-in-law, Dale and Lisa Gaff of Columbia City, Doug and Jenny Gaff of Albion, and Shannon and Donna Ruby of Columbia City. He also had several nieces and nephews that were very special to him.

Services will be held Friday, August 27, 2004, at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel beginning at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Ann Marshall will officiate. Visitation will be Thursday, August 26, 2004, from 6 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Friday. Burial will be in Thorn Cemetery.

For those who wish, memorials are to donor's choice.

Willis Gerver

WAWAKA — Willis "Bill" Lloyd Gerver, 77, of Wawaka died at 3 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at his residence.

He was a farmer and had lived most of his life in the Wawaka area.

Mr. Gerver graduated from Wawaka High School in 1944 and was a paratrooper with the U.S. Army's 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

On Aug. 25, 1926, in Fort Wayne, he was born to Lloyd and Tressa (Weaver) Gerver. He married Mary Weber on Dec. 26, 1948, in Cosperville. She preceded him in death on Jan. 3, 2002.

He was a member of Cosperville Baptist Church, a trustee of the church, a member of the Farm Bureau Co-Op Board of Directors, former post commander of the Wawaka American Legion Post, and a member of the Albion American Legion Post.

He enjoyed reading, history, attending steam engine meets, and watching sports, especially Chicago Cubs baseball and University of Notre Dame and Purdue University teams.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Rick and Karen Gerver of Mishawaka, and Kent and Sandy Gerver of Wawaka; two daughters and a son-in-law and fiance, Linda and Carl Coffman of Kimmell, and Jan Knight and her fiance Mark Woodworth of Wawaka; a cousin, Mary Jane Garrett of Palm Springs, Calif.; 14 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were at 10 a.m. Friday at Cosperville Baptist Church with the Rev. James Barnes officiating. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion, with military services.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Parkinson's Foundation.

Lenita Gondos

FORT WAYNE — Lenita E. (Pippenger) (Holston) Gondos, 83, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Albion, died Wednesday, Aug. 18, 2004, at her residence following an extended illness.

She moved to Fort Wayne from Albion in 1957.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed making and giving gifts of candy at Christmas and growing roses.

Born July 10, 1921, in Green Center, Noble County, she was the daughter of Wilbert F. and Laura I. (Diffendafer) Pippenger. She married Ernest D. Holston in 1940. He died on Aug. 23, 1961. She then married Leslie Gondos on July 7, 1969. He survives.

Also surviving are a son, Terry L. Holston of Fort Wayne; a stepson, Leslie Gondos, Jr. of California; three stepdaughters and two stepsons-in-law, Rita and Brian Smith-Nehrig of Indianapolis, Mary and Brian Herhily of Mesa, Ariz., and Gabriella Rousseau of Beaufort, N.C., a sister, Ilene Owen of Kimmell, four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; nine stepgrandchildren; and two stepgreat-grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco, with Pastor Terry L. Zolman officiating. Burial was in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Hospice.

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Billy Ternet

LAOTTO — Billy A. Ternet Sr., 57, of LaOtto died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, in the emergency room of Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mr. Ternet had worked at Franke Plating Works in Fort Wayne as a precious metal plater for almost 40 years and had, in the last year, started another plating company with Nuter Coatings in Fort Wayne.

He was born Jan. 19, 1947, to Clifford and Helen (Lewis) Ternet in Fort Wayne. He married Loretta F. Hunter on June 17, 1968, in Fort Wayne. She survives.

Also surviving are his father, Clifford Ternet of rural LaOtto; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Lisa Stewart of Garrett, Sheila and Scott Adams of Churubusco and Jessie and Terry Williamson of Monroeville; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Imani Woodard of Indianapolis and Billy A. and Penny Ternet Jr. of Auburn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jackie and Sandra Ternet of LaOtto, Neal and Garree Ternet of Tri-Lakes, Ned and Rita Ternet of Garrett and Ted and Camille Ternet of South Whitley; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Kathy and Jerry Strowmatt of Kendallville and Carol Ternet of rural Avilla; 16 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; three aunts; and three uncles.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Ternet, and aunts and uncles.

Services were held Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home, Churubusco. Pastor Stephen James officiated. Burial was in the Christian Union Cemetery northwest of Garrett.

Memorials are to the family in care of the funeral home.

Kenneth Clouse

KENDALLVILLE — Kenneth S. Clouse, 96, of Albion died Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004, at his Green Township residence.

On July 3, 1908, in Green Township, he was born to Tom C. and Daisy (Edsall) Clouse. He married Laura "Pat" Patton on Feb. 18, 1939, in the E.U.B. Church, Warsaw. She survives.

He was a lifetime Noble County resident and a proud Green Township farmer. He was a member of Trinity Methodist Church in Albion, a 1927 Albion High School graduate and enjoyed his farm, his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: a daughter and son-in-law, Charlotte and Harold Zawadzke, Albion; two sons and daughters-in-law, Roger and Mary Clouse, Albion, and Dennis and Kathy (Moore) Clouse, Elgin, Ill.; nine grandchildren, Jeff, Jerry and Laura Zawadzke, Kim Meyer, Todd, Adam and Kerry Clouse, Krista Brandt and Erin Moore-Clouse; a brother and sister-in-law, William G. and Jayne Clouse, Albion; a sister and brother-in-law, Maxine and Jack Frymier, Morrison, Colo.

He was preceded in death by two sisters, Merry Bailey and Ema Louise Egolf, a brother, Frank Clouse, and his parents.

Services were held Sunday, Aug. 22, 2004, at Trinity Methodist Church in Albion, with the Rev. Dr. Dan Barker officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sunny Breeze Christian Association in Florida to help rebuild after the recent hurricane.

Pauline Curie

KENDALLVILLE — Pauline W. Curie, 86, of Kendallville died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla, where she resided the past six years.

Mrs. Curie was an operator with Bell Telephone Co. and General Telephone before retiring in 1978. She belonged to the Telephone Pioneers of America and Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Born in Kendallville on April 2, 1918, she was the daughter of Archie E. and Cora E. (Leiberenz) Wright. She married Keith Curie on April 26, 1964, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on Dec. 7, 1999.

Surviving are a sister, Stella Rhea of Avilla; five nieces and four of their spouses, Diana Harold Leising and Rosetta and Teddy Owens, all of Rushville, Louise and Malcolm Maze of McCormick, S.C., Millie and Dan Moody of Garrett and Sylvia Driver of Fort Wayne; and two nephews and their spouses, Bill and Sharron Wright of Springfield, Ohio, and David and Jane Rhea of Kendallville.

In addition to her husband and parents, a brother, Archie "Teddy" Wright, a sister, Opal Lower, and two nephews, Edward Wright and Ronnie Lower, preceded her in death.

Services were held Thursday, August 18, 2004, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Thomas Novy officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Memorials are to Provena Sacred Heart Home, St. Claire and St. Francis Halls.

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Roger McEwen

KENDALLVILLE — Roger McEwen, 54, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Applewood Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Among his survivors are his parents, Charles and Marilyn McEwen of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Robert Wallace

KINGSTON, Tenn. — Robert Herman Wallace, 63, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at his residence.

He was an avid NASCAR fan and attended Luminary Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 22, 1940, in Indiana to Walter and Mabel Wallace.

He married Nancy K. Burris in 1978. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert H. and Lisa Wallace Jr. of Rome City, Ind., Tony Alan and Vicki Wallace of Cromwell, Ind., and Carl R. and Brandee Burris Jr. of Corryton, Tenn.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Retta and Donald French of Cromwell, Marion and Tommy Adcox of Spring City, and Donna Kay and Robert James of Bakewell.; three brothers, Donald Applegate of Hartford City, Ind., Cecil Wallace of Ligonier, Ind., and Edward Wallace of Deleon Springs, Fla.; two sisters, Hazel Smith of Cromwell, and Janet Anglemeyer of Williamsburg, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20 at Brown Funeral Home in Kingston, with the Rev. Bill Duncan officiating.

Burial was in Rose Cemetery, Kingston.

Evangolene Notestine

BRANDON, Fla. — Evangolene Notestine, 93, of Brandon died Saturday, July 31, 2004, in Brandon.

She was born in LaGrange County, Ind., and formerly resided in Mongo and Kendallville.

She was a member of Mongo United Methodist Church, Wayne Center United Methodist Church, and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Surviving are six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold O. Notestine; sons, Gordon D. Notestine and Jack R. Notestine; her parents, Thomas and Mary Ellen Fair; and a brother, Alto Fair.

Services were held in Florida.

Leonard Lowe

SHIPSHEWANA — Leonard L. Lowe, 61, of Shipshewana died at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Life Care Center in LaGrange where he had been a resident for three weeks.

Mr. Lowe lived in the area 29 years and was a forklift driver and press operator for Lake Park Industries in Shipshewana.

He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member of the International Trotting and Pacing Association.

He was born Dec. 9, 1942, in Monon to Lloyd and Nerine (Eide) Lowe who survive in Monticello. On Dec. 10, 1967, in Shipshewana, he married Cynthia J. Broge. She died May 2, 1991.

Also surviving are two sons, Craig A. Lowe of Shipshewana and Robert L. Lowe of Middlebury; a sister and brother-in-law, Lotus and Eckhard Schiller of Enterprise, Ala.; a brother and sister-in-law, Melvin and Marilyn Lowe of Monticello; and a granddaughter, Cynthia Lowe.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Scott United Methodist Church in Shipshewana with the Rev. Nancy Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Seidner Cemetery at Shipshewana.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange County Cancer Society or Scott United Methodist Church.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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C. Stephen Mansfield

ARROYO GRANDE, Calif. — C. Stephen Mansfield, 64, of Arroyo Grande, Calif., died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004.

He was a certified public accountant and a 1964 graduate of Ball State University, Muncie.

Surviving are his wife, Marianne; a daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and Steve Schneider; a brother, George T. Mansfield of Angola; three grandchildren; a nephew and two nieces.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kristi.

Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Lady Family Mortuary in Arroyo Grande.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society, 1428 Phillips Lane, Suite 201, San Luis Obispo CA 93401.

Marjorie Johnson

GARRETT — Marjorie E. Johnson, 82, formerly of Garrett died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at 4:35 a.m in the Laurels of DeKalb nursing home at Butler.

Mrs. Johnson had lived in Garrett for 61 years before moving to the Laurels of DeKalb in 2002. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett and the Rosary Society. She was a homemaker.

Born Jan. 29, 1922, in Columbia City, she was the daughter of Herman and Helen (Carteaux) DePew.

On May 14, 1941, in Avilla, she married Edward J. Johnson. He died Dec. 20, 1979.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Tom Dembickie of Garrett and Anita and Kent York of Corunna; four sisters, Dolores Mueller and Naomi "Ann" Hoeffel, both of Garrett, Constance Englert Helmkamp of Auburn and Josephine Flesch of Ossian; three grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Paul DePew and Donald DePew, and two sisters, Guinevere Meyer and Hermine Meyer.

Services will be Saturday at noon in St. Joseph Catholic Church of Garrett, with Father Thom Lombardi officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett.

Memorials to are to masses or the Laurels of DeKalb Alzheimer's Unit.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Albert Huisman

AUBURN — Albert R. Huisman, 76, of Auburn died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

A native of Parkersburg, Iowa, he worked in maintenance at General Motors in Defiance, Ohio, for 36 years. He was an Army Air Force veteran and a member of the Sherwood Baptist Church, the Defiance Moose, the Bryan, Ohio, Eagles and the Defiance Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Surviving are his wife, Marcella (Campbell) Huisman of Auburn; one son, Albert Huisman of Hamilton; a sister, Doris Smith of Roseburg, Ore.; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen Henrickson.

Services will be Friday at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) in Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral home, 529 Jefferson Ave., Defiance, Ohio, with calling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Burial will be at Riverview Memory Gardens in Defiance with graveside services by the VFW.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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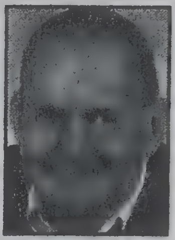
Joe Polly

WOLCOTTVILLE — Joe "Buster" Polly, 70, of Wolcottville died at 6:21 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville following an extended illness.


Mr. Polly

Mr. Polly had retired in 1995 from Newnam Foundry after 19 years of service.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Polly had attended Shiloh Baptist Church at Ligonier.

He was born March 4, 1934, in Knott County, Ky., to Clark Sr. and Nanie (Amburgey) Polly. On June 24, 1961, in Brighton he married Eva Noble. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ricky and Mona Polly of Lawrenceburg, Roger and Judy Polly of Middlebury and Roedonald and Shellie Polly of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Rita and Rick Shafer of Howe, Rebecca Polly of Fort Wayne and Renita and Rich Bucholtz of Jones, Mich.; four brothers, Clark Polly Jr. of Three Rivers, Mich., James Polly of Wawaka, Larry Polly of Rome City, and Dean Polly of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; six sisters, Rinda Calhoun of Howe, Abbie Potee of Constantine, Mich., Dallas Skaggs of Rome City, Helen Kessler of Avon Park, Fla., Patty Schoff of Elkhart, and Betty Conley of Angola; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Community Baptist Church in Wolcottville with the Rev. Jim Shepherd officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery in Wolcottville.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Hutchins Funeral Home in Wolcottville and from 9-11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Helen Bassen

AUBURN — Helen Rose Bassen, 86, of Auburn, died Monday, Aug. 16, 2004, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

She was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn.

She was born March 26, 1918. Her parents, Fredrick and Mammie (Rice) Bassen, preceded her in death.

Graveside services will be today at 2:30 p.m. in Roselawn Cemetery of Auburn. There will be no calling.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

McComb, Dilgard and Cline Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

Roger McEwen

KENDALLVILLE — Roge Dale McEwen, 54, died Wednesday, Aug. 25, 2004, at Applewood Health and Rehabilitation Center in Fort Wayne.

Mr. McEwen

Mr. McEwen had lived the past eight years in Ocala, Fla.

He served in the Vietnam War from 1969-1970.

He was born May 18, 1950, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Charles L. and Marilyn Jean (Cooper) McEwen. They survive in Kendallville.

Also surviving are a son, Charles Lyle McEwen of Battlecreek, Mich.; three sisters, Nancy J. McEwen of Mesa, Ariz., Cheryl Ann McEwen of Chandler, Ariz.; and Susan McEwen of Tucson, Ariz.; and a brother, Mark Allen McEwen of Crystal River, Fla.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Tom Clothier of First Christian Church officiating.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Kristy Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Kristy Ann Campbell, 55, of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at her home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home.

THE ADVANCED LEADER

August 26 2004 Ligonier, Indiana

Services are Friday for Lois Heckner

DEARBORN, Mich. — Lois J. Heckner, 69, of Dearborn and formerly of Ligonier, Ind., died Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004, at her home.

Mrs. Heckner had moved to Michigan in April. She had been a resident of Ligonier since 1962.

She had taught school in Goshen and in the West Noble school system.

Mrs. Heckner was a founding member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod, where she had served as treasurer for many years.

She enjoyed reading, traveling, gardening and the performing arts. She was prolific at making rag rugs and had formed a rug manufacturing company with her sister.

Mrs. Heckner had served on the Ligonier Plan Commission and had been a member of the Ligonier Library Board. She had been a member of the Ligonier Study Club and involved with Girl Scouts. She loved giving parties and hosted many political events.

She was born Dec. 9, 1934, in Valparaiso, Ind., to Walter Martin and Helen Emily Sofia (Brockman) Miller. On Sept. 10, 1956, in Orleans, France, she married Howard G. Heckner. He died March 29, 2002.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Esther Heckner of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kate and Joseph Ulrey of Dearborn and Anne and Dan Holland of Wellington, New Zealand; two sisters, Marian Miller of Manhattan, N.Y., and Helen Miller of Shingle Springs, Calif.; and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Ulrey-Renner Funeral Home in Ligonier with the Rev. Russell Furhmann and Mrs. Heckner's sister-in-law, the Rev. Dorothy Heckner-Mendonca, officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Thursday, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Ligonier Historical Society.

Robert Wallace

KINGSTON, Tenn. — Robert Herman Wallace, 63, died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2004, at his residence.

He was an avid NASCAR fan and attended Luminary Methodist Church.

He was born Sept. 22, 1940, in Indiana to Walter and Mabel Wallace.

He married Nancy K. Burris in 1978. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert H. and Lisa Wallace Jr. of Rome City, Ind., Tony Alan and Vicki Wallace of Cromwell, Ind., and Carl R. and Brandee Burris Jr., Corryton, Tenn.; three daughters and sons-in-law, Retta and Donald French of Cromwell, Marion and Tommy Adcox of Spring City, Tenn., and Donna Kay and Robert James of Bakewell, Tenn.; three brothers, Donald Applegate of Hartford City, Ind., Cecil Wallace of Ligonier, Ind., and Edward Wallace of Deleon Springs, Fla.; two sisters, Hazel Smith of Cromwell, and Janet Anglemeyer of Williamsburg, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Aug. 20 at Brown Funeral Home in Kingston, with the Rev. Bill Duncan officiating.

Burial was in Rose Cemetery, Kingston.

Jack Jakway

GARRETT — Jack Jakway, 70, of Garrett, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at 7:55 a.m. in DeKalb Memorial Hospital at Auburn.

Mr. Jakway was a television repairman. He then worked from 1982 to 1999 at Magnavox in Garrett and then Columbia City.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn, the Garrett Knights of Columbus 1790 and the Auburn Jaycees.

Mr. Jakway had lived in Garrett for 33 years.

He was born May 11, 1934, in Fort Wayne.

He married Theresa Bopp on Jan. 27, 1962, in Kendallville, and she survives.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, John Jakway of Garrett and Kent and Angela Jakway of Fort Wayne; two daughters and sons-in-law, Alicia and Ken Noonan of Fort Wayne and Cheryl and Matt Romeo of Oxford, Conn.; three grandchildren, Matthew Jack Romeo and Thomas Bruno Romeo, both of Oxford, Conn., and Gwendolyn Barbara Jakway of Fort Wayne; a half-brother, Jim Felger of Avilla; and a stepsister, Joan Kneller of Columbia City.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby (Holsworth) and Clarence Felger, and a sister, Marianne Targgart.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with the Rev. Charles Herman officiating. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. A rosary service will begin Sunday at 7:45 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to masses.

Condolences may be sent to condolencethomas@skyenet.net.

Naomi Ryan

FAIRBORN, Ohio — Naomi M. Ryan, 87, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Day Springs Medical Center in Fairborn, Ohio.

Mrs. Ryan

She was born Jan. 14, 1917, in Auburn to Roy and Blanche (Hilkey) Prosser.

She worked as a dietitian at the State Hospital of Indiana for 25 years and was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Mary Ryan of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Jim Burrow of Page, Ariz; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

Sharon Kay Smolek

AUBURN — Sharon Kay Smolek, 57, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Smolek

Mrs. Smolek was a homemaker. She was a member of Dayspring Community Church in Auburn, where she was very active with meals and caregiving. She enjoyed crafts, antiques, gardening and cooking.

She was born Feb. 13, 1947, in Auburn to Harvey and Ethel (Brown) Drerup. Her parents preceded her in death.

She married Jim Smolek on June 5, 1965, in Waterloo, and he survives.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Aimee Smolek of Auburn; two daughters and sons-in-law, Angie and John Platt of Auburn and Amy and Juan Soliz of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pat and Dale Warstler of Auburn and Barb and Don Boyd of Auburn; and four grandchildren, Amber Smolek, Joseph Platt, Sarah Platt and Mia Soliz.

Services will be Monday at 10 a.m. in Dayspring Community Church with the Rev. Bill Lyne officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery of Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo.

Memorials are to the Dayspring Community Church building fund.

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William Crago

BUTLER — William A. "Bill" Crago, 37, of Butler died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, in Roxbury, N.J.

Mr. Crago was a truck driver for 16 years. He most recently worked for Evans Trucking in Butler. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion in Orland and the Butler Eagles. He was an avid Harley-Davidson motorcycle rider.

He was born Aug. 29, 1966, in Fort Wayne to Carey and Katheryn (Cook) Crago. They survive in St. Joe.

He married Sharon Williams Dec. 12, 1998, in Auburn. She also survives.

Also surviving are a grandmother, Mildred Cook of Woodburn; three daughters, Erica, Saness and Courtney; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Carey and Jenny Crago of Butler and Tom and Montana Crago of Waterloo; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Deanna Martin of Wawaka, Cathie and David Heckert of Bluffton, Mari and Thomas Scott of LaOtto, and Dawn and Jeff Spencer of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. The Rev. Paul Patton will officiate. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Monday from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 3458 Stellhorn Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

Katherine Souder

AUBURN — Katherine I. Souder, 87, of Auburn, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at 3:05 p.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Souder was a homemaker and was a volunteer for Child Evangelism of Northeast Indiana.

She was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Garrett to Walter and Mabel (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

She married Stewart Souder in 1935 in DeKalb County. He died in July 1960.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Souder of St. Louis, Mo., Jack Souder of Pisgah, N.C., and Dale Souder of Auburn; a brother, Robert Saxer of Terre Haute; three sisters, Evelyn Loomis, Thelma Ringenberg and Harriett McQuown, all of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Joe Souder, four brothers and one sister.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship, 708 S. Van Buren St., Auburn, IN 46706.

John Tieman

AUBURN — John G. "Tad" Tieman, 45, of Auburn died Monday, Aug. 23, 2004, in DeKalb County.

Mr. Tieman was born in Phoenix, Ariz., on Aug. 9, 1945, to Rahe and Dorothea (Gardner) Tieman. He worked in the construction industry.

Surviving are his former wife, Dorris Reading-Tieman of Fremont; a son, Zeke Tieman of Fremont; a daughter, Allison Tieman of Fremont; a brother, David Tieman of Albion; and four sisters, Leslie Adams of Avon, Mary Johnston of Los Osos, Calif.; Christine Shank of Mead, Wash., and Jamie Vaughn of Sparks, Nev.

A celebration and remembrance of his life will be a gathering of family and friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Memorials are to the family.

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Kevin Kreischer's death leaves a void

BY BILL GISEL
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ST. JOE — Kevin Kreischer was a perfect husband, according to his wife of 30 years, Renee.

Mr. Kreischer, 49, was killed in a farming accident Aug. 11 on his rural St. Joe farm.

"We were high school sweethearts," Mrs. Kreischer confided.

Mr. Kreischer

They had celebrated their anniversary June 1.

"He was always there for me, putting my needs before his own," she said.

Mr. Kreischer started farming while still in high school, and it was a job he loved, Mrs. Kreischer said.

His other loves were firefighting and kids, especially his own. He was a member of the Concord Fire Department 21 years, retiring after his son, Jason, became a member and was qualified "to take his place," Mrs. Kreischer said. Jason is now a member of the Auburn Fire Department.

"He told me the week before the accident how proud he was of his children," Mrs. Kreischer related. "He teased them, gave subtle advice, and taught them to be responsible, caring adults."

Their daughter is Kelly Brown of Butler.

"He was proud as could be when his granddaughter, Lauren Brown, was born. She had a special place in his heart," Mrs. Kreischer said.

About eight years ago, Mr. Kreischer started driving a school bus. He liked the kids, and most of them liked him, his wife said.

"He always made them show him their report cards, so he knew how they were doing in school," she said. "He would get them singing over the bus radio at Christmas," she added.

Mr. Kreischer's good friend, Dan Crow, said they met most every morning for coffee for many years.

"A person doesn't often have a daily-contact friend," Crow noted. "I can't say enough about him" as a friend, he added.

"Kevin was a community activist, trying to get the Concord and Spencerville fire departments to join as one unit," Crow said. The merger is something that has been talked about for some 20 years, Crow said, and the administrative bodies are "fine-tuning it, trying to get it finalized" in no small part because of Mr. Kreischer.

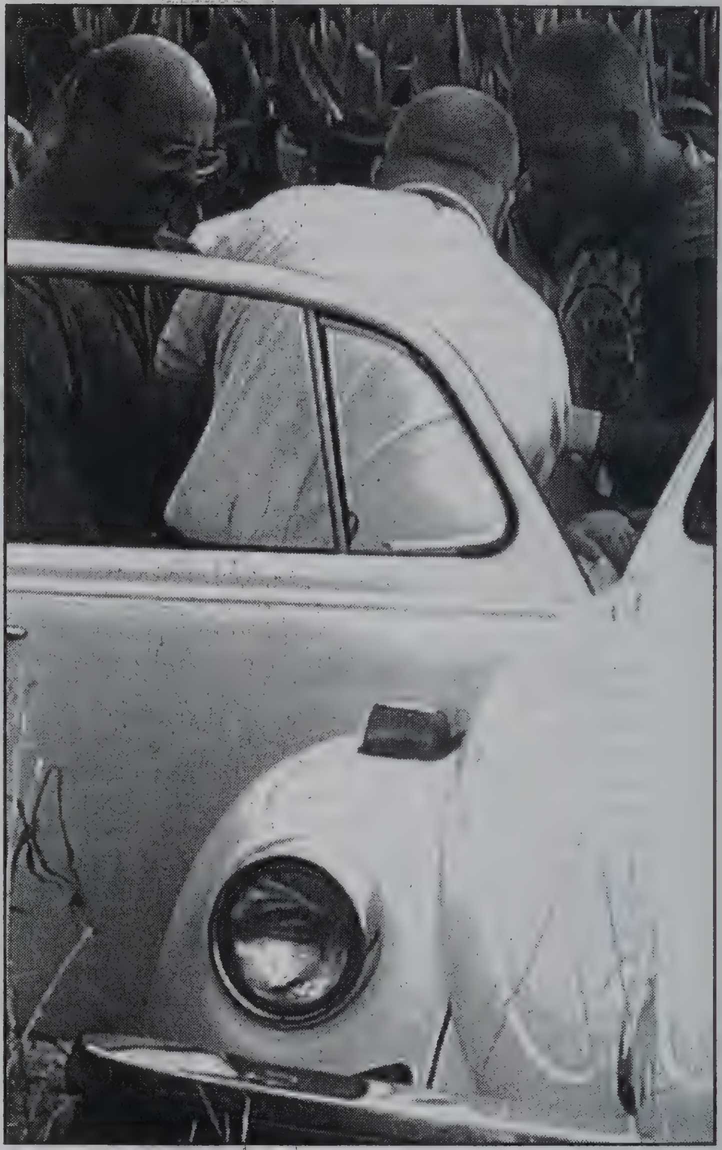
Crow noted his friend had stopped to give aid to an injured motorist at the intersection of C.R. 35 and C.R. 60 on Aug. 9, two days before he died.

"Even though he wasn't a firefighter any longer, he took it upon himself to help an injured man. That is the kind of guy Kevin was.

"Many, many people in the community called him a friend, and it (his death) is just a tragic loss. We feel a big void," Crow said.

Crow hopes that others in the community will take a second look at their farming practices when they are out in a field alone. Mr. Kreischer died when soil collapsed inside a deep trench he had dug to repair a drainage tile.

"Kevin knew he was pushing the limits, but that's the way he was," he said.



BILL GISEL

Two days before he died, Kevin Kreischer helped an injured motorist after a collision south of Auburn.

"He was happy with his life," Mrs. Kreischer said of her husband. "Things had fallen into place the last couple of years, and he had accomplished the things he had set out to do."

She noted that Kevin was an avid World War II history buff. "You could ask him any question regarding World War II, and he had the answer," she said. He read something on the war every day, she said, until recently.

"But the last couple of months, he started reading the Bible. He wanted to read it cover to cover," she said.

"He was a good, caring Christian man who touched many lives, and he will be sorely missed."

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Kristy Campbell

KENDALLVILLE — Kristy Ann Campbell, 55, of Kendallville, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, following an 18-month battle with cancer.

She was a school teacher, spending her entire 30-year career at Prairie Heights High School.

A native of Sandusky, Mich., she was active in debate, theater, Future Teachers of America and band, where she played the flute and bass drum, at Sandusky High School. She graduated 10th in her class in 1966, and enrolled at Central Michigan University where she majored in public speaking, theater and English. She was a member of the Kappa Phi Sorority and was named best pledge. She was active in theater productions and was selected to the university Gold Symphonic Band.

Mrs. Campbell

She graduated in 1970 with an A.B. degree in education. She earned her master's degree in 1979 from Saint Francis University in Fort Wayne.

At Prairie Heights, she was past secretary of the teacher's association and served on numerous P.B.A. and North Central Committees, on the principal's advisory committee and was chairman of the English department three years. Mrs. Campbell co-sponsored IFEA, Spell Bowl team and English Super Bowl team for many years. She was nominated for Teacher of the Year four times and won in 2000. She received the Dekko Foundation award for Teacher of the Year in 2003. Her proudest accomplishment was directing and expanding the school theater program.

Mrs. Campbell was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, Beacon Baptist Church and most recently attended First Church of God. She was a past president of the Kendallville Fire Department Auxiliary.

As Kristy Ann Rhead, she married Jerry Campbell in 1970. He survives with two sons and a daughter-in-law, Major Troy and Dawn Campbell of Germany, where he serves in the U.S. Air Force, and Jerry Lee Campbell II of Kendallville; two daughters, Traci Campbell and her companion Bob Hickey of Racine Wis., and Nicol and Dan Trout of Kendallville; eight grandchildren, Michael Sale, Meaghann Campbell, Trevor Campbell, Connor Hickey, Caitlyn Hickey, Camryn Hickey, Ian Trout and LeKeista Garrett; two brothers, Kim Rhead and Gerald Rhead, both of Lansing, Mich.; a sister, Kerry Mason of Kendallville; and her mother, Myrtle M. Rhead of Sandusky.

Preceding her in death was her father, Kenneth A. Rhead.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Jim Kane and the Rev. Thomas Clothier officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2 to 8 p.m. today and from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday.

Memorials are to the Prairie Heights High School drama club.

Icie Loden

KENDALLVILLE — Icie Carrie Loden, 91, of Kendallville, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home in Kendallville.

Mrs. Loden was born May 25, 1913, in Grandview, Tenn., to Robert Carol Reed and Mary Ann (Sherrill) Reed.

She married Jim Loden in Happy Top, Tenn., and he preceded her in death.

She worked in meat processing, laundry services, and was a homemaker. She moved to Kendallville 3 1/2 years ago from Grandview to be closer to her daughter and granddaughters.

A devoted Christian all her life, she was a member of Happy Top Church. She loved her flowers, gardening and all of the children.

Surviving are a daughter, Estella Monroe of Avilla; five grandchildren, Danny Waldo, Marsha Harshman, Marilyn Diehm, Deborah Oliver and Linda Cornelius; 12 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by one daughter, Lucille Godsey; six brothers, Jesse, Vernon, Clyde, Lester, Elmer and Clifford Reed; and two sisters, Bertha Mathis and Dovie Reed.

Services are pending at Vaughn Funeral Home in Tennessee. No local services are planned.

Burial will be in Reed Cemetery No. 3 in Tennessee.

Memorials are to Shepherd of the Hill Nursing Home, East Wing.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla, is handling local arrangements.

Phyllis Carter

KENDALLVILLE — Phyllis Ann Carter, 82, of Kendallville died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at her home.

She had been a telephone correspondent for the Journal Gazette and South Bend Tribune newspapers and had worked for General Electric in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Carter was born Oct. 8, 1921, in Kendallville to Linus and Mildred (Lehner) Kimmel. She married Norman Carter in 1946. He preceded her in death on Nov. 29, 1997.

A 1939 graduate of Kendallville High School, she attended Hanover College in Madison and served in the WAVES Women's Auxiliary. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville and a member of the Witherspoon Circle. She was very active in the church and helped organize UNICEF fund-raisers and volunteered with Meals on Wheels and C.A.S.A.

Surviving are two sons and their wives, David and Nancy Carter of Kendallville and Colin and Dessa Carter of Glen Ellyn, Ill.; one sister, Becky Muesing Delp of Kendallville; two grandsons, Christopher Carter of Ege and Ian Carter of Glen Ellyn; and a granddaughter, Leah Carter of Glen Ellyn.

Also preceding her in death were a brother, William Kimmel, and a sister, Olive Kim Scott.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Stan Kessler officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

There is no calling.

Memorials are to the First Presbyterian Church.

Hite Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. To send condolences or sign an on-line register go to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Florence Jones

ST. JOE — Florence E. Jones, 96, died Friday evening, Aug. 27, 2004, at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Jones previously lived in Kent, Ohio, for 32 years, then moved to Avon Park, Fla., in 1979 after traveling for 10 years.

She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star, Olive Chapter No. 53, in Kent.

She was born in St. Joe on April 6, 1908, to Clarence S. and Blanche (White) Hart.

She married Francis L. Jones on June 9, 1928, in Auburn. He preceded her in death on March 18, 1991.

Surviving are a niece and nephew, Jean and Arnold Oetting of Fort Wayne, and several grandnephews, grandnieces and cousins.

She also was preceded in death by a brother, Carl E. Perkins, on May 4, 1989; and a sister-in-law, Edna M. Perkins, on Jan. 25, 1995.

Services will be at noon Tuesday in Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville, with Pastor Paul Rowe officiating. Calling is one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery of St. Joe.

Memorials are to Heartland Home Healthcare & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Suite 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

THIS OBITUARY *is being reprinted with additional information about relatives.*

Katherine Souder

AUBURN — Katherine I. Souder, 87, of Auburn, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at 3:05 p.m. at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Mrs. Souder was a homemaker and was a volunteer for Child Evangelism of Northeast Indiana.

She was born Dec. 2, 1916, in Garrett to Walter and Mabel (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

She married Stewart Souder in 1935 in DeKalb County. He died in July 1960.

Surviving are three sons, Donald Souder of St. Louis, Mo., Jack Souder of Andrews, N.C., and Dale Souder; two brothers, Robert Saxer of Terre Haute and Raymond "Bud" Saxer of Garrett; three sisters, Evelyn Loomis, Thelma Ringenberg and Harriett McQuown, all of Auburn; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Joe Souder; three brothers, Lyman Saxer of Fort Wayne, Ellsworth Saxer, killed during World War II, and Arthur Saxer, who died at the age of six months; and one sister, Caroline Saxer of Garrett.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Child Evangelism Fellowship, 708 S. Van Buren St., Auburn, IN 46706.

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Rosella Hantz

FREMONT — Rosella "Rosie" Hantz, 76, of Fremont, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

She was formerly a cook at the Top Hat Restaurant in Angola, and worked at Gay's Coffee Shop in Fremont. She also was employed at ILC Inc. and Salga, both in Fremont.

She was a member of the Fremont Community Church, Friendship Circle Club and the Merry Mixers Club, all in Fremont.

Mrs. Hantz was born in Fort Wayne on Nov. 25, 1927, to William and Edith (Henline) Roebel.

She married W. Dean Hantz on Dec. 15, 1945, in Angola, and he preceded her in death on May 12, 1981.

Surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Judy and Jim Jones of Angola and Barbara and Doug Levitz of Hamilton; two sons and a daughter-in-law, David and Connie Hantz and Rodney Hantz, all of Fremont; two sisters, Pauline Siddall of Hamilton and Geraldine Walker of Ossian; a brother and sister-in-law, Russell and Bonnie Roebel of Fort Wayne; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She also was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Gary Dean Hantz; a grandson, William Dean Hantz; a brother, Paul "Bud" Roebel; and a daughter-in-law, Shirley Hantz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with Dr. Gregory L. Chupp officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery, Angola.

Calling is from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fremont Community Church of South Scott Cemetery Association.

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Naomi Ryan

FAIRBORN, Ohio — Naomi M. Ryan, 87, formerly of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Day Springs Medical Center in Fairborn, Ohio.

She worked as a dietitian at the State Hospital of Indiana for 25 years and was a member of Christ United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne.

She was born Jan. 14, 1917, in Auburn to Roy and Blanche (Hilkey) Prosser.

Her husband, James R. Ryan, preceded her in death.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Mary Ryan of Springfield, Ohio; a daughter and son-in-law, Rita and Jim Burrow of Page, Ariz; and several nieces, nephews and friends.

Services will be Monday at 1 p.m. in Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens.

Calling is Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to American Heart Association.

Harold McDonald

BUTLER — Harold L. McDonald, 73, of Butler died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

The Butler native was a machinist with ARO for 39 years, retiring in 1993. He enjoyed golf and bowling.

Surviving are his wife, Lucy, of Butler; a daughter, Denise Kendrick of Fort Wayne; a sister, Lois Cordes of Margate, Fla.; and grandchildren Chelsey Beery and Charles Pettigrew.

Preceding him in death was a sister, Helen Fulcki.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in D.O.McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home.

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Illinois teen drowns in Bear Lake

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BEAR LAKE — A 16-year-old Illinois boy drowned in Bear Lake, located southwest of Wolf Lake, early Saturday.

Carl I. Zirbes, of Plainfield, Ill., was with a small group of campers at the Bear Lake Church of God Camp, 1805 S. 16th St., when he went for a swim at about 6:45 a.m. with a small group of campers.

According to a Noble County Sheriff's Department and Indiana Department of Natural Resources report, Zirbes was swimming off the beach about 5 yards beyond the roped-in area when he began to struggle and called for help.

Another camper swam out to Zirbes, but in the struggle both went under the water. The would-be rescuer had to let go and Zirbes never resurfaced.

Several other campers swam to the site and dived under to try to find Zirbes but were unsuccessful, according to the report.

Emergency responders were called to the scene shortly after 7 a.m. The Noble Township Fire Department, Thorncreek Fire Department, Cromwell Fire Department, Noble County Sheriff's Department, Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Noble County EMS and the Noble County coroner arrived at the scene.

Noble County sheriff's deputies recovered Zirbes' body at about 8:05 a.m. in 15 feet of water.

Conservation officer Gary Bontrager was in charge of the investigation. Bontrager said this morning that witnesses could shed no light on why Zirbes drowned.

"They said he was a swimmer, and they thought a pretty good swimmer," Bontrager said. "It's usually swimmers that drown, non-swimmers don't take a chance (in the water)."

Deputy coroner Terry Brazzell said this morning that Zirbes' death has officially been ruled an accidental death due to drowning, and that no autopsy will take place. Zirbes' family has recovered his body and taken it back to Illinois, Brazzell confirmed.

Services Held

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Earl Holton** were held at 11 a.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial was in Orange Cemetery. Pallbearers were Lynn Lash, Jerry Hunter, Nathaniel Holton, Chuck Ritchie, Charles Walkup and Ronnie Godsey.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Ronald Bonar** were held at 1 p.m. ednesday at Hite Funeral Home with Pastor Rich Laskowski officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

KENDALLVILLE — Services for **Robert C. "Bobby" Strater** were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Berhalter-Hutchins Funeral Home with the Rev. Richard Frederick and the Rev. Eugene Woolever officiating. Burial was in Lake View Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kelly Riehm, Tammy Scalzo, Kevin Leitch, Wayne Applegate, Dennis McClellan and John Leitch.

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Michelle Porter

STURGIS, Mich. — Michelle Marie Porter, 34, of Sturgis and formerly of LaGrange, Ind., died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Ms. Porter

She was born Nov. 15, 1969, in Elkhart, Ind., to Robert and Peggy (Dils) Porter.

She lived in LaGrange until her graduation from Lakeland High School with the class of 1988. She then moved to the Burr Oak, Mich., area.

She was employed by Sally Beauty Supply in Sturgis and graduated from the Chic University of Cosmetology.

She was a member of the Burr Oak Mother's Club and had served as its president in 2000.

She was a devoted mother and cherished the time spent with her sons.

She is survived by two sons, Shane Porter and Sloan Cullifer, both at home; her mother and stepfather, Peggy and Kenneth Bradley of Sturgis; her father and stepmother, Robert and Carla Porter of LaGrange; a brother, Robert Porter Jr. of LaGrange; and several nieces and nephews.

In accordance with her wishes, cremation has taken place.

The family extends an invitation to all of Michelle's many friends and family to join them at their home at 27490 Featherstone Road, Sturgis, Sunday at 2 p.m., where a celebration of Michelle Marie Porter's life will take place.

Memorials are to the family for Michelle's son's future educational needs. Envelopes are available at the Hackman-Foglesong Funeral Home of Sturgis.

Condolences may be sent online to www.Legacy.com.

Vernon Miller

MILLERSBURG — Vernon A. Miller, 66, of Millersburg died at 1:35 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Goshen General Hospital.

Mr. Miller had spent his entire life in the area. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born April 11, 1938, in Elkhart County to Andrew E. and Susie (Hostetler) Miller.

Surviving are two brothers and sisters-in-law, Emanuel and Esther Miller of Halfway, Mo., and Chester and Treva Miller of Goshen.

Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the home of his nephew, Galen Miller, at 11902 C.R. 38, Millersburg, with Bishop Maynard O. Miller and home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Nissley Cemetery at Goshen.

Calling will be after 4 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the Galen Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Millersburg, is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Mutzfeld

HAMILTON — Shirley M. Mutzfeld, 55, died Saturday, Aug. 28, 2004, at 2:46 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Mutzfeld was a homemaker.

Born May 28, 1949, in Garrett, she was the daughter of Robert C. and Alice (Isham) Roush.

On May 28, 1977, in Auburn, she married Earl L. Mutzfeld. He survives.

Also surviving are four sons, Lee A. Bard and Mark D. Bard, both of Garrett, Brent Mutzfeld of Angola and Scott Schwartz of Hamilton; a daughter, Christie Graham of Fruitwood, Fla.; two brothers, Ronnie Williford of Auburn and Donnie Roush of Ashley; one sister, Sue Jones of Altona; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Robert Williford and Charles Roush.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Butler United Methodist Church with Pastor Daniel Eckart officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m at H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 212 N. Broadway, Butler.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church.

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C. DuWayne Hauser

CHURUBUSCO — C. DuWayne Hauser, 81, of Churubusco died at 12:17 a.m. today, Aug. 30, 2004, at his home following an extended illness. He had been seriously ill the past two weeks.

Mr. Hauser

Mr. Hauser had been a truck driver and had worked for the J.I. Case Co. for 24 years, retiring from there in 1985. Following his retirement, he drove trucks for Cartwright Transfer for six years.

He had lived in Churubusco for 40 years, moving there from Noble County.

He was a member of Gilbert Davis Amerian Legion Post 157 in Churubusco and the Churubusco Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3846.

Mr. Hauser was born Feb. 13, 1923, in Fargo, N.D., to Charles W. and Myrtle (Wetman) Hauser.

In 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was a World War II prisoner of war. Following his discharge, he live in Chicago.

On Jan. 12, 1957, in Wolf Lake, he married Nancy Lou Harting. She died Oct. 21, 1991.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Michael Foote of Churubusco; two sons and daughters-in-law, Coral and Darlene Hauser of Wolf Lake and Roger and Deann Hauser of Las Vegas, Nev.; a son-in-law, Richard J. "Rick" Millikan Jr. of Churubusco; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Charlene Millikan, on July 26, 2002; two brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery at Merriam with military graveside rites.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services Wednesday.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice in Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.com.

Ilene Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Ilene M. Gordon, 86, of Churubusco died at 1:20 a.m. today, Aug. 30, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness.

Survivors include Sandy Fay Thomas of Indianapolis, James Lee Fear of Pennsylvania, Dennis and Linda Gordon of Fort Wayne and Sharon Fear of Wolf Lake.

Arrangements are pending at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsand-childs.com.

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Cecil Scribner

CHURUBUSCO — Cecil W. Scribner, 94, of Fort Wayne died at 12:55 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Canterbury Nursing Home in Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness. He had been a patient there since February.

Mr. Scribner's career as an educator spanned nearly 40 years. He taught at Etna Green from 1938-1943 and at North Manchester from 1943 to 1958.

In 1958 he and his wife moved to Churubusco where he taught biology at Churubusco High School for 16 years until his retirement in 1974.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1935 and earned his master's degree of science from Indiana University in 1955.

The couple lived in Churubusco until moving to Auburn in their later years to be near their daughter.

Mr. Scribner was a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Columbia City, Churubusco Lodge 515 F&AM, Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne and the Columbia City Moose Lodge. He had also been an active member of the Churubusco Rotary Club, and was a member of the Indiana Retired Teachers Association and the Whitley County Retired Teachers Association.

He was born Dec. 31, 1909, in Truman, Minn., to Jaybus B. and Anna (Winch) Scribner. At Devils Lake, N.D., he married Violet "Vi" Grande on June 5, 1938. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Shirley F. and John Souder of Auburn; a granddaughter and her husband, Ellen and Erik Ross of Fort Wayne; and three great-grandchildren, Logan Bier, Jordan Ross and Emily Ross.

He was preceded in death by a brother, William Scribner; and three sisters, Cora Davis, Frances Sherman and Ida Scribner.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Dr. C. James Cress, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, officiating. Private internment will be at Eel River Cemetery.

Calling will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Masonic services at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

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Mark Stamback

AVILLA — Mark Allen Stamback, 61, of Avilla died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Stamback

Mr. Stamback was a senior draftsman with Dana Corp. for 30 years.

He was a member of the Auburn Moose Lodge and played golf at Noble Hawk and Liberty Country Club. He was a referee for girls volleyball and boys and girls basketball,

He was born Aug. 23, 1945, in Richmond, Ind.

Surviving are his wife of 29 1/2 years, Cathy of Avilla; his parents, John and Dorothy Stamback of New Paris, Ohio; his father- and mother-in-law, Marvin and Alta Lewis of Economy; a son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Katrina Stamback of Appledorn, The Netherlands; two daughters and a son-in-law, Beth and Josh Sembach of Connersville and Jama Stamback of Fort Wayne; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Carol and Joe Hobbs of Lenox, Mich., and Jane Rantanen of New Paris; two grandchildren, Allysa Stamback and Ryan Sembach; and aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by an aunt, Onda Faye Myers, and his grandparents, Calvin and Ruth Myers and Ora S. and Lola Rae Stamback.

Calling will be Wednesday from 5 to 8 p.m. at McComb, Dilgard & Cline Funeral Home, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Additional calling will be Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at Waskons Funeral Home in Cambridge City.

No funeral service will be held.

Burial will be in Westlawn Cemetery at Hagerstown.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Janivee Sawyer

SOUTH MILFORD — Janivee Sawyer, 80, of South Milford died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Sawyer

Mrs. Sawyer was a homemaker and member of Church of the True God near South Milford.

She was born June 14, 1924, at Yellow Mountain Fork, Ky., to Floyd and Lydia (Conley) Wallen. On May 26, 1944, in Paintsville, Ky., she married Sam Sawyer. The couple recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Surviving are her husband of South Milford; a stepson, Marvin Prince of Houston, Texas; a woman she raised as a daughter and her husband, Mary Lou and Johnie Justice of Ashland, Ky.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Cordus and Lorraine Wallen of Kendallville and Corgie and Ursel Wallen of LaGrange; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Hadney and Sam Clevenger of Ligonier, Analeen and Edward Perkins of Kendallville and Yvonne Jones of Kimmell.

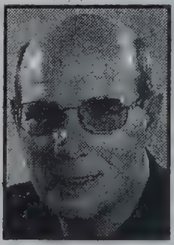
Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Church of the True God north of South Milford with the Rev. Willie Collins and David Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Harold Fritz

FORT WAYNE — H. Keith Fritz, 59, of Fort Wayne died Sunday, Aug. 29, 2004, at Lutheran Hospital.


Mr. Fritz

He was a supervisor at NIPSCO for 32 years, retiring in 2001. He loved to play golf and to be outdoors.

Born in Kendallville, he grew up in the Larwell area and graduated from Larwell High School.

On Aug. 27, 1966, he married Sue Atkins at Pleasant Chapel United Methodist Church in Roanoke. She survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are two daughters and sons-in-law, Kimberly and Tad Long and Kristine and Kevin Peters, all of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren, Jordan, Cassidy and Carson; his father-in-law, John Atkins; a sister-in-law, Terri Zurbrick; a brother, Dean Fritz of Tennessee; and a sister, Sue Elkins of Columbia City.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road, Fort Wayne. Burial will be at Pleasant Chapel Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to his grandchildren's college fund.

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Ilene Gordon

CHURUBUSCO — Ilene M. Gordon, 86, of Churubusco died at 1:20 a.m. Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla following a lengthy illness. She had been a resident there for more than four years.

Mrs. Gordon

Mrs. Gordon had been employed at Supermarket Services for 20 years, retiring from there in 1976.

She was a graduate of Churubusco High School and had lived in Akron and Avilla before moving to the Churubusco area in 1960. She was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, Columbia City American Legion Auxiliary, Columbia City VFW Ladies Auxiliary, and the Columbia City Women of the Moose.

Mrs. Gordon was born Feb. 10, 1918, near Collins to Thomas and Maude (Bennett) Gaff. Her first husband, Claude O. Fear, died in 1946. Ten years later, she married Ray Gordon. He died in 1970.

Surviving are a daughter, Sandy Thomas of Indianapolis; two sons and a daughter-in-law, James Lee Fear of Blairsville, Pa., and Dennis A. and Linda Gordon of Fort Wayne; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Fear of Wolf Lake; five brothers and two sisters-in-law, Thurlo "Frog" Gaff of LaOtto, Roger "Rod" Gaff of Nappanee, John "Kirby" and Arlene Gaff of Columbia City, Ray and Kitty Gaff of Muncie and Leonard "Jake" Gaff of Huntertown; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Mary Gray and Shirley Stamp, both of Churubusco, and Barbara and Ray Leitch of Danville, Iowa; 10 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Christine Newman-Jacobs and Tom Novy officiating. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery in Merriam.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent online to sympathy@sheetsandchilds.com.

George Ayers

ANGOLA — George C. Ayers, 73, of Angola died Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ayers

A career military serviceman, Mr. Ayers served four years in the U.S. Navy and 21 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was discharged in 1972.

He was a member of the Angola post of the American Legion, the Angola Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Garrett Eagles and the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He was born Aug. 1, 1931, in Ashley, to Pierce and Martha (Miller) Ayers. They preceded him in death.

He married Mary Keeling in 1957, and she died in 1975.

Surviving are three daughters and two sons-in-law, Pamela and Gary Carr of Garrett, Cathy and Aaron Price of Angola, and Deb, of Tennessee; six grandchildren, Barrett and Kyle Guthrie, Matthew and Curtis Carr, Dawn McClanahan and Dana Van Auken; four great-grandchildren, Lucas and Matthew McClanahan and Josiah and Justin Van Auken.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Roger Ayers, and a sister, Ann VanZile.

Services will be Thursday at 2 p.m. in Feller Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Pastor Kevin Bodey officiating. Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery with an Air Force military graveside service.

Calling will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola Kids League or the Orland Little League.

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